



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: July 14th, 2015

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The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Jan Suessenguth, Blythe Kelly, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Shawn Touhill, BOS Liaison
- Absent: Susan Reichwein and Emily Rehmet
- Guests: Joe Salvati

### Meeting Notes – April 14th, 2105

The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Jan Suessenguth and second by Robert Salanik.

#### Visitors:

No Comment.

#### Ongoing / Old Business

##### Kids Castle:

Joe Salvati informed the board that the inflatables, sold at the July Fireworks event, raised additional funds for Kids Castle.

Mr. Salvati also reported that he is hopeful for the August installation of the four new play pieces to be installed at Kids Castle. These four new pieces of equipment will now serve the 2-4 year old age group. They will included two enclosed spring riders, a pop tent, and a swing.

##### Sensory Enrichment Trail:

Ms. Sweeney states that progress of the trail continues to move forward. She provided the board with a handout of the trail layout.

Trail signage will indicate that the trail is for accessible equipment only; i.e. wheelchairs, no bicycles.

Ms. Sweeney also indicates that the equipment is in the process if being ordered and that Pod "J" is on hold as the Boulder Creek piece of equipment for this pod is no longer available. We will have to further evaluate this pod.

Nine of the ten pods will be provided through the awarded grant. These said pods will have to be completed by June 2016, prior to the grants June 2016 expiration date.

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##### Amphitheater:

Per Karen Sweeney the amphitheater/band shell is under construction and she is hopeful for completion by July 29 to have a dedication ceremony and host that evening's summer concert.

Ms. Sweeney notes Milestone Bank is interested in name sponsoring the band shell. They have offered \$10,000 per year for 5 years.

The P & R Board concludes that a five year term is too long to sponsor the band shell and that a 3 year term may be more feasible; especially since this is a new venture.

It is determined that the P&R Board will recommend a name sponsorship of \$50,000 over a 3 ½ year term, ending the fiscal year of 2018. This recommendation was unanimously approved on a motion by Paul DiNella and second by Robert Salanik.

Mr. John Bray will write this memo of recommendation to be presented to the BOS for final approval.

Additionally, Mr. Bray suggests that these name sponsorship funds be used to enhance the utility of the amphitheater. Such enhancements will include:

\*lights, sound systems, and chairs

\*program expenses

Excess funds can be given to the Performing Arts Budget.

The P&R Board will recommend, to the BOS for final approval, these above mentioned allocations of naming sponsorship funds. This recommendation was unanimously approved on a motion by Robert Salanik and second by Jan Suessenguth.

The name sponsor's sign placed on the band shell will be 9'x12' and will have an immediate start date.

Additionally, Penn Color will be an ongoing sponsor as well TD Bank.

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## **Other Business**

### Site Visit Schedule 2015 for Township Parks:

Ms. Suessenguth has informed the board that she has conducted a site visit to Sauerman Park. She states that the park is well maintained and features a nice playground. She did find that there was some broken fencing.

Mr. DiNella suggests that the P&R Board members should individually visit our township parks on their own time over the summer. During these visits, board members evaluate each park and make notes to be discussed at our upcoming meetings.

Mr. John Bray suggests that P&R Board members visit these parks by our September 2015 meeting. Items for evaluation and discussion should include safety issues, maintenance, as well as the parks value/ contribution to the township.

Ms. Suessenguth has offered to prepare a checklist for members to use during these park elevation visits.

### Golf Outing:

Ms. Sweeney indicates that the golf outing was very successful and estimates that \$16,000 was raised for Kids Castle.

Sounds of Summer:

Per Ms. Sweeney, we have exceeded our sponsorship expectations.

The July fireworks event raised the following:

\*parking: \$3,557

\*concessions: \$317

\*vendors: \$300

\*LED Balloons: \$619

Director's Update:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the P&R board that the permits are in for the Central Park Trails. There will be no more Golf in Central Park and the signs are up indicating this.

The new fields in Central Park will be opening in either the fall of 2015 or spring of 2016. The township is exploring the possibilities for use of these fields as multi-purpose fields.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm on a motion by Mr. DiNella, seconded by Ms. Suessenguth.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Blythe Kelly  
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_