

Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35 PM on Tuesday August 11, 2015 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- **In attendance** : John Bray, Jan Suessenguth, Paul DiNella, Emily Rehmet, Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation
- **Absent**: Susan Reichwein and Blythe Kelly
- **Guests**: Joe Salvati, Barbara Lyons, Supervisor, Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

Meeting Notes: - July 14th, 2015

The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Jan Suessenguth and second by Paul DiNella

Ongoing / Old Business

Amphitheater

The theater is complete and the pour of the concrete surface has been completed as well. The sponsorship of the Amphitheater was discussed.

Barbara Lyons and John Bray had a meeting with Covenant Bank recently discussing the sponsorship of the amphitheater. Covenant Bank had a concern regarding the ethics of bidding for sponsorship when they had come to the township initially with the idea and funding support of the Arts. It was agreed and they will be the sponsor of the amphitheater for the next 3 years at a sum of \$41,000. The "actual" name of the amphitheater has yet to be discussed and the "official" sponsorship will begin the first week in October after the sign is made by Covenant Bank and a dedication ceremony is held.

The second issue was Thompson Dealerships who have been sponsors for years Summer Concert Series that also wanted to have naming rights. In a meeting with Barbara Lyons and John Bray and Thompson's earlier that day (August 11th) it was decided that the summer concert series would be replaced with the "*Thompson Performing Arts Series*" and they would provide \$30,000 for a 3 year commitment. With this new funding, staying within just the summer months can be changed and moved to a few fall events. This will be decided per the Board of Supervisors on the 18th of August. They will require Promotion and Advertising and at the end of the first year re-evaluate and see if we need to do anything further for their sponsorship.

A motion was made the Park and Recreation Board made a unanimous decision to accept the two contributors regarding the Amphitheater and Concert Series.

It was mentioned by Karen Sweeney that the Quakertown Band enjoyed the Concert event in the Amphitheater and would like to be back **each** summer to do a concert.

Karen Sweeney mentioned that discussions are beginning with the Borough on planning the next year's concerts.

As discussion ensued regarding the funds that will be available through sponsorship of Thompson and Covenant Bank, that we begin to make a Wish List for the amphitheater. Possibly a movie screen, additional sound equipment, a toilet in the "green room". Etc.

CB Cares

Playing for Change Day 2015 – It was discussed the upcoming event on September 19th where around the world youth perform and also would perform in Central Park on the Amphitheater stage.

Discussion ensued regarding charges for the use of the amphitheater facility for CB Cares, and it was explained that they are an affiliate of the township and they are not charged fees for the use. But definitely have structure and guidance and are in contact with the township regarding their plan and use of township resources

Additional discussion was held regarding other Special Events that might want to utilize the facility. Karen explained the applications and how they work and how much detail they (potential renters) must provide, and all must have insurance also provide other information such as anticipated attendance, security, electrical requirements, etc., and that all activities within the park are required to be family friendly.

A motion was required to approve that CB Cares which is recognized as an affiliate of the township, not be charged fees for their use, being subject to approval unless staff is required. Motion was made by Jan Suessenguth and Paul DiNella and unamously approved.

Kids Castle

Joe Salvati provided a detailed map of Kids Castle showing the equipment that they would like to have purchased and the cost of each to assist in the gathering of funding from corporate and individual sponsors.

In addition, he showed the recently acquired “Trip Advisor” certificate that has been awarded to Kids Castle (4 ½ Stars). Stephanie Mason asked for a copy of it to go on the Wall in the township office.

Sensory Trails

All of the Pods that are able to be purchased presently, nine, are on order and more details will come once installation begins.

Central Park Trails

The paving of the trails in Central Park were supposed to begin today per Stephanie Mason, however for some reason they hadn't but will be done shortly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Doylestown Township Open House:

Stephanie Mason mentioned the reason for the open house is so the explanations can be made on why the township feels that they need the expansion project done on the Township Building and the Police Department – where there are problems in the building construction, unsafe conditions in the Police Department, problems on the second floor of the township building, storage facilities that need to be replaced etc.

Park Maintenance and Safety Review

The Board was reminded by John Bray that we are to do individual visits to each park within the park system by October 1st. Jan Suessenguth provided a checklist/reminder what to look for going into each park.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Jan Suessenguth for Blythe Kelly