



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35 PM on Tuesday September 8th, 2015 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office

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

**Meeting Notes:** August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Paul DiNella and seconded Emily Rehmet.

### **Ongoing / Old Business**

#### **Kids Castle**

Joe Salvati provided an update mentioning that 4 new play pieces are to be installed this week and hope to be able to have Marketing pictures this coming weekend. Karen Sweeney mentioned that the equipment needs to be "*inspected*" for safety standard compliance prior to opening for the general public.

Joe also mentioned that the front entrance of Kids Castle and the seating that helps create the entrance are almost completed and they were able to incorporate the shading as mentioned previously. In addition, he is preparing to pick up a 5k check from a donor to help in the further progress of Phase 2.

#### **Amphitheater**

John Bray asked if there had been an estimated budget for the Green Room and or the Landscaping around the Amphitheater, which was mentioned that this is the best time of year for planting. Karen Sweeney stated that the landscaping portion was discussed with the EAC, previously, to see if they wanted to be involved and she had not heard back from them at this time. Karen stated that she would reach out to them again regarding the landscaping.

Discussion ensued that we might have a landscaper within the area that would like to donate or provide a discount for the landscaping needed, John Bray mentioned he would make a couple of calls to associates to see if someone would help with that project.

An update regarding the Covenant Bank Sponsorship was discussed and that at the beginning of the CB Cares Event on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September a Dedication of the Amphitheater will be prior to the event. The Sign labeling the theater as the Covenant Bank Amphitheater will be up and in place in time for the event.

It was also discussed the need to make sure we hold up our end of the deal with Thompson regarding adequate advertising on their behalf for the funding they are providing. It was mentioned that we need permanent signage regarding the Thompson Organization Performing Arts Series. Karen Sweeney and John Bray discussed a permanent sign structure consistent with what we have other places in the park that would be solely dedicated to them. John Bray suggested going to see the amphitheater after the meeting for placement of the sign. Which did occur.

Discussion continued about the potential to buy a 19' screen next year for future movie nights, Karen was going to check into all the different options as well as look into the potential to rent projectors due to their expense.

John Bray also suggested opening a dialogue with Delaware Valley University and finding out if they have an interest in using the Amphitheater and possibility the Township using the University for events. Karen Sweeney was going to look into the possibility.

### **CB Cares**

Playing for Change Day 2015 will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM and Emily Rehmet was excited about the event and mentioned that things are organized and ready.

### **Sensory Trails**

The Pods are beginning to arrive and additional decisions are still needed in ordering other equipment. Installation has not begun as of yet, but staff is keeping in mind the timeline for the installation to be completed per the Grant's requirements.

### **Central Park Trails**

The new paved trails in Central Park have been completed and are open for use.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Park Maintenance and Safety Review Extended**

The Board was reminded by John Bray that we are to do individual visits to each park within the park system by the November meeting.

### **Upcoming Fido Float at Fanny**

Karen Sweeney mentioned that volunteers are still needed and would be greatly appreciated in holding the event to make sure that everything goes smoothly at the Chapman Pool.

### **New Fields**

Karen Sweeney mentioned that the new fields that have been resting for the last couple of years are officially open. The township has been communicating with the different sports organizations to see who has the most consistent schedule for utilization of the fields.

It was mentioned that the sports groups not only have to pay to use the fields they are also required to supply their own nets for the fields. Currently Soccer will be played on these fields this fall.

### **Volunteer Shirts and Name Tags**

At next month's meeting orders will be taken for a shirt and a nametag for each of the Park and Recreation Board so we are recognized as part of the committee as we volunteer at the events within the township.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by Jan Suessenguth for Blythe Kelly*