



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

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The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

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

### Meeting Notes – December 8th, 2015

The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. DiNella and a second by Ms. Suessenguth.

**Visitors:** None

### New Member Welcome:

Barbara Kesselring was welcomed by the P&R Board as a new member of the board.

### Correspondence:

A contact list of the 2016 P&R Board was provided to all board members.

Nice to Have to Need to Have: This is a published article which indicates how important parks are to a community. Ms. Mason shared this article with the P&R Board as it is a great reference source.

Publication Award: Per Ms. Sweeney, the Doylestown Township Park & Recreation Guide has taken first place in the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Communication contest presented by the PSATS.

### Ongoing / Old Business

#### Kids Castle:

Per Mr. Salvati, The Friends of Kids Castle received a \$6,000 sponsorship donation for a new swing set; as stated in the P&R Board December meeting minutes. Lauren Sheehan, a volunteer for Kids Castle, secured this sponsorship. An additional \$1,400 in donations was received as a response from social media posts over the holiday season

#### Sensory Enrichment Trail:

Ms. Sweeney indicates that pod construction is diligently progressing. However, installation of the poured in place foundations on the pods continues to be delayed due to the shortage of buffing material. Due to winter weather conditions, completion will be delayed until spring.

#### Dog Park:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the P&R Board that the water has been turned off at the dog park for the season. Additionally, membership and funding are both good.

**Other Business:**

## Performing Arts:

Ms. Sweeney is in the process of booking performers for the upcoming concert series. She has reviewed prospective acts with the board.

Ms. Sweeney has also met with the Thompson Group to discuss and develop a concert series logo. Thompson has indicated that they are not pleased with the idea of a sign kiosk. They prefer something that is attached directly to the amphitheater, rather than something remote.

It has been determined that the concert series will be named "The Thompson Performing Arts Series".

Additionally, Thompson has requested that their sponsorship donation monies fund performances with the purpose to entertain people.

Ms. Sweeney has also informed this board that the upcoming 2016 Fireworks in Central Park will have to be moved to an alternate location within the park due to the new amphitheater and tree growth. The athletic fields in Central Park are a possibility however; we will need smaller shell fireworks. With utilizing smaller firework shells, Ms Sweeney is hopeful that we can get a more full impactful show for the same cost.

Ms. Sweeney indicates that Doylestown Boro may not partner with Doylestown Township in the performing arts series. Since all concerts will now be held in the amphitheater, we will no longer utilize the Show mobile in Chapman Park. If the Boro does not participate, we will need additional support for sponsorship funding for the upcoming performing arts series.

## 2016 Goals:

Mr. Bray suggests that our P&R Board goals should include the following:

- \*Prioritize the list of Amphitheater improvements.
- \*Determine the allocation of sponsorship money and Performing Arts funds.
- \*Make a recommendation to the BOS for Performing Arts Funds.
- \*Revisit our comp plan and determine the order of importance of park improvements and costs
- \*Expand the Performing Arts Series
- \*Complete the Sensory Trail
- \*Add pickle ball to tennis courts #1, #2, & #3
- \*Promote the Annual Golf Outing
- \*Complete the Monarch butterfly waystation in Central Park

Mr. DiNella suggests that we instill a plan to successfully market and increase Amphitheater rentals.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm on a motion by Ms. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. DiNella.

Respectfully submitted by:

Blythe Kelly

Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

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