



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, February 9th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

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

Meeting Notes – January, 2016

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

Visitors: Kimberly Cambra, CB Cares, was a scheduled visitor on the agenda however, was not in attendance.

Correspondence:

In the absence of Ms. Cambra, Ms. Sweeney, informed the P&R Board that the Y2C (Youth to Community) division of CB Cares gives children the opportunity to perform arts in the community. Ms. Cambra informed Ms. Sweeney that there are excess funds available and has suggested a sponsorship for stage equipment for the Covenant Bank Amphitheater. Ms. Sweeney expressed concern to intermingle both parties' needs. It was determined by the Board that we will further discuss this sponsorship at our next meeting.

Ms. Sweeney indicated that she is pursuing pricing options and has consulted with professionals to recommend equipment options such as sound boards, speakers, etc.

Mr. Bray stated that in a prior Board discussion we had not wanted to provide sound equipment as different performers requirements tend to change. Mr. DiNella suggested that we explore our options to purchase more universal, not specialized, equipment. Mr. Bray further expressed concern that problems may still occur. It was determined by the Board that we will continue to explore our options.

Updates:

Performing Arts:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the Board that Doylestown Borough has decided to no longer partner with us in the Performing Arts Series. She requests that the Board assist in fundraising to recoup this \$5,000 loss.

Ms. Sweeney reviews the list of booked performers for the upcoming 2016 Performing Arts Series with the Board and announces that eight of the nine dates are booked. Additionally, the July Fireworks are scheduled for July 10th with a rain date of July 17th.

Ms. Sweeney also reports that Covenant Bank may provide funding for a small pre-season Jazz Festival.

Ms. Sweeney also informs the Board that the Township Parks Program Guide will go to print in two weeks.

Mr. Salanik suggest that we reach out to neighboring communities for a joint effort in our Performing Arts Series.

Mr. Snyder questions the dates of other townships concerts that may conflict with ours. Ms. Sweeney assures the Board that all nearby township's P&R Boards coordinate these dates and that our dates are Wednesday nights.

Mr. Bray states that the Board needs to prioritize the "wants and needs" for the Amphitheater.

Ms. Sweeney responds that we are waiting on the Thompson Organization's response regarding the logo and the sign. She further states that the "green room" needs to be a top priority. It still needs shelving, countertops, mirrors, stools/chairs, electrical outlets & lighting.

The Board has decided to further visit these needs and make suggestions at our next meeting.

Mr. Bray additionally states that we need to consult with the EAC on plantings and landscaping for the Amphitheater.

Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that the Warrington Garden club has offered to cleanup and plant around the statue at Central Park.

Kids Castle:

Mr. Salvati informs the Board that unfortunately The Friends of Kids Castle did not receive the large DC&R matching grant. However, fortunately they are in a re-submission period and with approval by the Township BOS, they will re-submit this request.

Additionally, Mr. Salvati indicates that they had needed to further raise \$63,000 to secure the \$454,000 grant. Currently, they now only need to raise \$37,000.

Ms. Mason informs the Board that most grants were given for the purpose of acquisitions, pools and trails.

Sensory Enrichment Trail:

Ms. Sweeney indicates that she has received written confirmation that we have the needed buffing's and that they will be installed in the spring.

Completion is needed by the end of May

Dog Park:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the P&R Board that there are no current concerns at the Dog Park.

Other Business:

Pickle Ball Courts:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the Board that she has received over 60 emails in community support for the pickle ball courts.

Municipal Complex:

Ms. Mason informs the Board that they are working on the next steps to move forward with the concept plan to secure the new site and relieve congestion of the current site.

She further reports that the current activity center will be used for the Public Works Dept. needs. Additionally, the New Britain Road park area will be utilized for building the new activity center.

Ms. Sweeney reports that this increased indoor space will increase future rentals such birthday parties, meetings, and indoor activities/programs.

Mr. Bray and Ms. Suessenguth both express concern for the need of security as this area is remote.

2016 Goals:

Mr. Bray suggests that our P&R Board goals be further discussed at our next meeting due to time constraints.

Mr. Snyder suggests that our Board needs to revisit the Comprehensive Plan soon in order to meet the date for next year's budget

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm on a motion by Mr. Salanik, seconded by Mr. DiNella.

Respectfully submitted by:
Blythe Kelly
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____