



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, March 8th, 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, March 8th, 2016 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

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

### Meeting Notes – January, 2016

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

**Visitors:** Kaitlyn Finley, Ashby Saunders, Ginny Saunders

**Visitor Correspondence:** Mr. Saunders presents the "Jazz Dance" sculpture to the Board for consideration to place this sculpture at the Amphitheater. Ms. Sweeney finds this piece of art is well suited for the Amphitheater however, expresses that we don't currently have the resources to pay for this at its cost of \$33,106.

The P&R Board recommends consideration for acceptance when and if a donor presents itself. It is decided that the Township will be responsible for installation at that time.

Ms. Finley informs the Board of the upcoming Family Fun and Fitness day on May 15, 11am-3pm. She explains that this day will provide a variety of family activities including: soccer, football, a bike derby, a bird walk, & an obstacle course. This event promotes family life time activity, healthy lifestyles, & moving outdoors.

Mr. DiNella has offered to present "Geo-casing" at this event.

Additionally, the I Run 4 Life Kids 3k will start off the morning this day with 900 children already registered.

Ms. Finley is asking the P&R Board for volunteers.

### Updates:

The Performing Arts Concert Series: Ms. Sweeney informs the board that at present we have 12 performers booked for the upcoming performing arts concert series. She later reviewed all 12 performances with the board.

She also informs the board that CB Cares will be performing at the "Kicking off Summer" concert on May 27.

Additionally, she is working with Covenant Bank to sponsor a mini jazz festival following the Memorial Day parade on May 30.

June 22 kicks off the Thompson Performing Arts Concert series in Central Park with "River of Dreams" which is the local Billy Joel tribute band.

In addition to the concert schedule, a movie night has been scheduled for Friday, July 6. The Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic will sponsor the movie "Good Boy".

July 10 will be the Philly Party Band along with the fireworks show. There will be a rain date of July 17.

Sponsor updates: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that we have sponsorship commitments of \$22,950. We are only in need of \$2,050 to meet our goal.

The Thompson Organization sponsors \$10,000 for the purpose of performances.

Recommendations to the BOS for the Amphitheater improvements:

Ms. Sweeney suggest that the P&R Board make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, at their meeting on at 4 PM on April 12, 2015, for the following:

\* Thompson message board kiosk; estimated cost of \$1,500

\* Two new sponsor signs on each side of the amphitheater; estimated cost of \$5,000

(Mr. DiNella expresses concern that he does not want to see the amphitheater covered in sponsor signs. Ms. Sweeney assures that the signs will be aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Salanik suggests we ask the sign vendor to make a removable sign. Ms. Sweeney will check on that possibility.)

\* Completion of the Green Room that will include finished walls, mirrors, cabinets, shelving, fans, a countertop, stools, etc.; estimated cost of \$3,000

\* Landscaping-Ms. Sweeney is checking with the Warrington Garden Club to see if they will assist with the landscaping.

\* Sound/ Video- Ms. Sweeney suggest that we wait on ordering screens and projectors to see what we really need.

Additionally, she suggests that we refit the sound equipment that we already have. Estimated cost of fixing this equipment and adding a new soundboard is approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000. She informs the board that this is considered a long term investment.

Ms. Suessenguth suggests that we add security lighting at the amphitheater. Ms. Sweeney informs the board that it is already pretty well lit. It is determined that we will revisit stage lighting after this season with feedback from the bands.

Ms. Suessenguth makes a motion to move forward with the above recommendation to the BOS. Mr. DiNella seconds this motion. The Board is all in favor.

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati is refining the grant application for submission to the DC&R. He will be going in front of the Board of Supervisors for approval of submission of the grant on March 15

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney informs the board that the trail is progressing, weather permitting, and that an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced.

Dog Park: Ms. Sweeney informs the board that there have been no incidents at the park however, it has been muddy.

**Other Business:**

Activity Center: Will be discussed at our next meeting.

\***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm on a motion by Mr. Salanik, seconded by Mr. DiNella.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Blythe Kelly  
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

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