



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, January 10th, 2017

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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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Blythe Kelly, Barbara Kesselring, Susan Reichwein, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation, & Shawn Touhill-BOS Liaison
- Absent: Kathy Brown & Vijay Balaji, Youth Member
- Guests: Dave Tomko, Township Director of Operations & Joe Salvati, Kids Castle

### Meeting Notes – September 2016.

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

### Meeting Notes-November 2016

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

**Visitors:** None

### Election of Officers:

Mr. Bray was re-elected this Board's Chair on a motion by Mr. DiNella, a second by Ms. Kesselring and unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Mr. DiNella was elected this Board's Vice Chair on a motion by Mr. Salanik, a second by Ms. Kesselring and unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Ms. Kelly was re-elected this Board's Secretary on a motion by Mr. Salanik, a second by Mr. DiNella and unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

**Correspondence:** None

**Plans:** Mr. Bray, along with the rest of the Board, have reviewed the plans submitted by Doylestown Hospital. These plans include a building addition as well as a new Heart Institute building. The Board finds no opportunity for Park & Rec improvement on this site. A request for a "fee in lieu" of recreation was unanimously approved by the Board.

### Updates:

Activity Center & Township Building: Mr. Tomko reviewed the most recently updated plans with the Board. These plans included the new placement of the Activity Center and its parking lot expansion as well as the new Township Building. Mr. Tomko estimates a start date of August 2017. The time frame, from the beginning of construction to the end, is estimated at 18 months. This 18 month period includes the completion of the Activity Center as well as the Township building.

Ms. Sweeney expresses concerns and shares the challenges of finding proper space for upcoming activity programs during this construction period. She is looking to pursue potential venues. Mr. Bray indicates that we need to determine what type and size of space is needed.

He suggests that we review the upcoming program list to determine the best possible location(s).

Ms. Sweeney indicates that the Central Park pavilion will be used as a “fall back” option for some programs. She also informs that Board that we cannot conceivably offer all programs as in the past years. However, we do not want to lose the long-standing programs that we have offered. She concurs with Mr. Bray and will review the activity program list and prioritize the key programs. She will generate a master list for the Boards review.

Ms. Sweeney also informs that Board that Doylestown Boro will be hosting Dog Park orientations during this construction period.

Comp Plan: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that this is strictly a comp plan update, not the full and final plan. She indicates that we will be applying for the grant by April 2017 and expects a response by December 2017. She anticipates completion by 2018.

Mr. Salanik expresses concern over the proposed 2018 Pebble Ridge sewer construction. He indicates that approximately 260 residents will need access to Turk Parks, across Turk Road.

Ms. Sweeney indicates that she will make this a priority in the comp plan.

The Performing Arts Concert Series: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that she is moving forward and starting to book performers and dates for the 2017 concert series. She indicates that some of the previous performers will be returning for this season. Unfortunately, we have lost our fireworks band who will now be replaced by Big Romeo. The Fireworks Concert celebration is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also informs the Board that four movies will be presented over the course of the season and that we have a fund raising goal of \$25,000. Ms. Sweeney is anticipating 14 to 16 summer concerts/ movies.

Mr. Bray suggests crowd sourced funding/donations and community sponsorship; perhaps requesting donations in the summer program guide.

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati informs this Board that The Friends of Kids Castle was awarded \$200,000 thru the DCNR matching grant. This will enable a new section to be constructed for children of all abilities and disabilities. Mr. Salvati indicates that this is a monumental achievement for the Friends of Kids Castle.

An additional \$20,000 will still be needed to complete this section. Therefore, Mr. Salvati has ask for the Boards approval to have the Annual Golf Outing proceeds be dedicated towards completion of this new section of Kids Castle. This request was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Salanik and a second by Ms. Reichwein.

Mr. Salvati has also informed the Board that a new swing set, from a prior \$12,000 sponsor has arrived and will be installed tomorrow.

Dog Park: No new updates

**Other Business:** None

**\*Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm on a motion by Mr. DiNella and a second by Mr. Salanik.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Blythe Kelly  
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

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