



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, June 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2017 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Blythe Kelly, Barbara Kesselring, Kathy Brown, Susan Reichwein, Robert Salanik, Vijay Balaji-Youth Member, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation, & Shawn Touhill-BOS Liaison
- Absent: Paul DiNella
- Guests: Dave Tomko-Township Director of Operations, Joe Salvati-Kids Castle
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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Salanik and a second by Ms. Brown

Visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Plans: Doylestown Hospital Expansion/ Final Plan.

Upon review, Mr. Bray found there to be nothing of concern to the Park and Rec Board.

Updates:

Activity Center & Township Building construction update: Mr. Tomko informed our Board that they are still unsure of a start date. The temporary office trailers are in place on the basketball courts.

Comp Plan: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that there is nothing new to report. She expects a response by October 2017, at the earliest.

The Performing Arts Concert Series: Mr. Bray will compose a letter to the BOS to request to pursue "Crowd Rise" as a fundraising vehicle to fund the Performing Arts. Mr. Bray indicates that he estimates a \$500 initiation fee.

This request to pursue and prepare a memorandum to the BOS to recommend Crowd Rise as a non-profit fundraising vehicle for the Performing Arts was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Kelly and a second by Ms. Reichwein; with all in favor.

Costa Rica Raffle Trip: Ms. Sweeney informs this Board that a township resident has donated this 7 night trip, which includes breakfast, to be raffled for Park & Rec fundraising projects. 500 tickets have been printed which will hopefully raise \$10k. Park & Rec Board members have all agreed to help sell these tickets.

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati informs this Board that they sent out many email blasts and influenced 4 foursomes for the golf outing. Additionally, they received \$600 in sponsorship and sold \$900 in Bi-centennial hats.

Mr. Salvati also informs our Board that the second of two surveys has been completed for Kid's Castle; both of which Mr. Tomko was able to get donated. This enables them to move forward to pursue the grants.

Additionally, Mr. Salvati indicates that he has received verbal commitment for \$25k from a donor whose name will later be disclosed.

Dog Park: Ms. Brown informs our Board that orientation for the Dog Park has been moved to Doylestown Boro due to the upcoming township building(s) construction.

Sensory Trail: Ms. Sweeney indicates that she received a phone call from the Philadelphia City Rec Dept. They will be making a trip up to the trail, with their staff, to evaluate how a sensory trail could function/ operate in an urban setting.

Park & Rec Board Goals: P&R Board Members offer suggestions:

Ms. Brown suggests improving signage and branding of the park system to promote our parks overall as a whole.

Mr. Salanik suggests that Turk Park is in need of updating and needs better access to and from the neighboring communities.

Ms. Sweeney suggests that we design a plan to connect the recreation center to a new future gymnasium or future addition.

Ms. Reichwein suggests that we improve the perception of the park system. We need a consistent look and appeal of the parks.

Mr. Bray would like to see Sauerman Park improved and made more useable. He suggests that we clean up the pond and possibly add pickle ball or sport courts.

Other Business: None

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm on a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Reichwein, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Blythe Kelly
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____