



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, September 12, 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, September 12, 2017 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Susan Reichwein, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Vijay Balaji-Youth Member, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation
- Guests: Anne Woodbury (EAC) and Joe Salvati (SKC)

### Meeting Notes – June 13, 2017

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

### Visitors:

Anne Woodbury, Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Ms. Woodbury reported to the board that the EAC,

1. Is planning a Bicentennial Garden Party on May 6, 2018 to formally dedicate the Native Plant Garden in CP.
2. Would like to plant 200 oak trees within the park system as their defined Bicentennial Project and requested the support of the P&R Board for the Project. The P&R Board voice unanimous support.
3. Is planning an additional tree project for the Bicentennial which is the sale of 200 oak trees directly to the residents for home planting. The trees will be 3"-5" caliper and sell for \$40 each with "pick-up" day scheduled for 4/21/17 (Earth Day).
4. Is interested in scheduling a joint meeting in 2018 to discuss and work together on various projects to best serve the community.

### Correspondence:

Resignation letter from Barbara Kesselring due to relocation out of the area - The board members voiced appreciation of service and well wishes to Ms. Kesslering.

### Plans: 651 N. Shady Retreat.

Upon review, it was the consensus of the P&R Board that there were no park and recreation Concerns and/or recommendations.

### Updates:

#### Building Update:

Mr. Bray suggested that it appears the budget may not support the Recreation building.

Ms. Sweeney provided an noting that update that site work for the recreation building was coming in at an estimated 1.7M bringing the overall Recreation building project to an estimated 3.4M. She further noted that with this news the construction of the building was potentially at risk of not being done. She further noted that the current plan of attack was to put the entire project (admin and rec) out to bid with various ala carte options to ascertain the "real" costs prior to making any final decisions..

Mr. Salanik suggested that he didn't have issue with the overall estimated 3.4M budget figure for the recreation building but felt strongly that the bulk of the money should go into the building and not half (1.7M) into site work. He suggested the possibility of an alternate location requiring less in site work... such as Turk Park.

Mr. Bray suggested that timing is such that the board need express verbal support for the recreation building project while also considering alternate locations. He expressed concern that “time” is a concern relative to a site change but agreed with Mr. Salanik that the building itself and functionality is most important.

Mr. Salanik offered a motion that the construction of the recreation building was important and that an alternate site be considered that requires less site work and allowing more to be put toward the actual building to best meet the needs of the community and generate additional use capabilities and users. Ms. Brown offered a second and the P&R Board members unanimously agreed that the recreation building was important and support the efforts necessary to move the project forward.

Comp Plan: No discussion.

The Performing Arts Concert Series: No discussion

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati reported that, albeit slowly, progress is being toward the installation of the new playground equipment.

Dog Park: No discussion.

Comprehensive Plan Update: No discussion

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
Karen A. Sweeney  
Director of Parks and Recreation

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