

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in the Conference Room in the Township Bldg.

In attendance: John Bray, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Karen Sweeney, Jennifer Herring, Joe Salvati, Jan Solkov

Absent: Susan Reichwein, Blythe Kelly, Vijay Balaji

Meeting Notes for April 10, 2018

The meeting notes for March 13th were approved unanimously with one abstention (Jan was absent from the March meeting).

Visitors None

Correspondence Sixth grade teacher Kate Carroll from Kutz Elem. School is having her class make a video about life in Doylestown. P & R Board members are invited to submit a short video of themselves to her for inclusion in the class' video.

Plans None

Updates

Comp Plans Status

Karen is meeting with Judy Stern Goldstein, the Township Planner and Consultant for the Comp Plan. They are looking for a younger professional for another set of eyes. The P&R Board will get to review it. Bob Salanik will be the invitee from P&R.

Kids Castle

Joe reported that Jamison Elem. School students are holding a color run at the school on May 2nd as part of the "I Run for Life" program. They will be raising money for Kids Castle. Joe will be there to photograph and video the event.

A major donation is being made in memory of a woman's daughter. She is almost at her goal of raising \$5,000.

Bicentennial Project

The P&R Board's contribution will be the time spent on the fireworks event. Karen said we lose 100 parking spaces this year because of the new municipal building construction, which reduces our revenue. There was some discussion about parking spaces and lighting pathways (need a donation of a flood light to improve the lighting).

Thompson Performing Arts

The schedule is complete. It will have 16 + 2 performances. (The 2 include shows partnered with CB Cares and Project Hero Ride to Recovery).

It will cost \$1200 to put a portico where hot dogs are normally sold at the concerts.

There is a need to reduce the cost of support staff.

This is year 3 out of a 3-year naming of the concert series with Thompson. They will be gearing up for the next 3-year naming cycle; they are trying to get confirmation.

The department is \$5180 short of its financial goal for the concert series. That figure is needed to meet all anticipated costs and break even. Karen is asking Board members for at least \$100. There was discussion about covering the budget for township staff for P&R events.

CrowdRise

This is the non-profit side of GoFundMe. It can be set up to allow people to contribute even during concert performances. They should know they are contributing to something specific, such as the concerts. The goal is to make it simple to donate.

John encouraged members to watch the webinar on April 11 at 2PM about CrowdRise in order to be knowledgeable about how it works, before going to the BOS about it. Some questions are: Are the contributions tax-deductible? What's their fee? Who monitors it? Are their audit trails? How to market it? Who at the township sets it up and how does it get administered? How does the money come back to P&R? Need to establish a new account or use an existing one?

Rec Center

The subcommittee has met and sketched out the needs for the schematic design for the Rec Center. John got the CAD files and will edit the files and circulate them to the subcommittee and the P&R Board.

The Ways and Means Committee wants to look at how to finance it.

There was discussion about whether they can sacrifice a playing field. Field #1 already has parking and utilities there. Other locations will drive the price.

John is meeting with the architect to discuss the Rec Bldg. He would like to put the new building on the site plan to show the building in place. Trying to come in around \$3 million cost.

Turk Road Playground

Karen gave an update about arrangements to do a drop test (critical fall height) between May and September. \$29,000 is needed to replace the playground. We are out of the 5-year warranty. She recommends topping it and using the same company. The overhang ladder (the highest point) can be lowered.

The playground has been closed since September. Some options are:

- 1) Rip it out
- 2) If it fails the test again, be prepared to fix the playground.

- 3) Top it with 1"-2" of material. That is a temporary solution.
- 4) Replace it.

Mr. Bray and Mr. Salnik asked that the BOS be given the costs of both topping and complete replacement and asked to authorize the work in the event the drop test fails. Noting that the work could always be cancelled, they further requested that whatever the BOS decides be actually scheduled immediately so that we are already in queue in the event the drop test fails.

Other Business

We were finalists (Thompson Concert Series) in the Bucks Happening competition in the category of Best of Live Music Venue. Good for marketing purposes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM on a motion by Bob Salanik and a second by Paul DiNella, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jan Solkov
Doylestown Parks and Recreation Board Member

Approved _____

