



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Trailer-Conference Room

- In attendance: John Bray, Blythe Kelly, Dr. Janice Solkov, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Kathy Brown, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation & Jennifer Herring- BOS Liaison
- Absent: Susan Reichwein
- Guests: Kaitlyn Finley-Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator & Joe Salvati-Kids Castle

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Janice Solkov and a second by Mr. DiNella

Visitors: None

Correspondence: This Board reviewed a letter, submitted by Ms. Myra C. Lisowski, regarding a request to consider placing an ice skating pond in Central Park. This Board concurs that an ice skating pond is not currently included in the Central Park Master Plan however, we will consider it for the future Master Plan. Ms. Sweeney will add it as a recommendation for a discussion topic for the future comprehensive plan. Mr. Salvati also suggests adding a recommendation for a summer spray park.

Plans: None.

Updates:

Comprehensive Plan: Ms. Sweeney informs this Board that a meeting was held which discussed and reviewed all community sports groups. Recommendations will continue to be reviewed, as the process is still ongoing.

Community Building Update: This Board received and reviewed a letter, submitted by Mr. David A. Tomko-Doylestown Township Director of Operations, which informs us that the proposed Community Building is projected to be more expensive than we had anticipated. Additionally, it is less comprehensible due to parking.

The Community Building Sub-Committee discussed asking the Budget Committee to include the Community Building debt service, which is estimated at \$75,000, into the budget in the event that we can proceed with this building. This would prevent for having to tax for it.

Mr. Salanik suggests that we request a copy of Montgomery Township's feasibility study for cost comparison.

Ms. Herring suggests that we speak with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and inquire as to what their thoughts are regarding the needs of community activities and programs.

This Board agrees that we will continue to prepare a presentation to the BOS.

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati informs this Board of the following:

*There has been a timeline set for the installation of the Kids Castle grant area by June 2019. This new area will provide children with special needs the opportunity to play with and among All the children at Kids Castle.

*The Mural Artwork at Kids Castle is now 4 years old and in need of some tender care. The Mural Arts cleaning project has begun which also includes the preservation of these pieces after they are cleaned. There are 44 murals so this process will take time and will continue into 2019.

*A local business, Training for Warriors Doylestown, successfully completed a fundraiser for Kids Castle and raised \$1,465.

*A new donation program, Double Your Donation, has been started. Every dollar donated through HelpKidsCastleNow.org will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. This program has been made available through the generous sponsorship of Jeanne & John Hubbard. The above mentioned \$1,465 donation counts towards this program along with another \$350 raised through this program, totals \$3,630 with the Double your Donation Match.

Crowd Rise: Due to time constraints, we will discuss this at our next meeting.

Thompson Performing Arts: Ms. Sweeney thanked our Board volunteers who participated in the firework event at Central Park. She expressed that it was a great success and that that shuttle busses were continuously full.

Dog Park: Ms. Brown revealed the Dog Park Bi-Centennial Project dog poster to this Board. This poster features 110 dogs and is on sale for \$12. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the SPCA and the remainder will benefit the dog park.

Other Business: Many of our Board members attended the Municipal Recreation Programs and Facilities meeting held at Lafayette College on October 9th. This is where neighboring townships discuss park and recreation. Ms. Brown informed us that they received much pertinent information and that the highlight of the discussion is that community support is the key to a successful Park & Recreation program and facility.

Ms. Finley also adds that this success is also attributed to non-residents partaking in and contributing to our programs and events.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm on a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Salanik, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Blythe Kelly
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____