

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19th, 2019 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building Conference Room.

In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Paul DiNella, Blythe Kelly, Mary Ann Bowman, Karen Sweeney, Director Parks and Rec, and Jennifer Herring- BOS Liaison

Absent: Susan Reichwein

Guests: Joe Salvati-Kids Castle

Visitors: Nancy Santacecilia

Meeting Notes July 9, 2019: On motion of Kathy Brown , seconded by Paul DiNella the minutes were unanimously approved as written

Meeting Notes August 6, 2019: On motion of Blythe Kelly , seconded by Kathy Brown the minutes were unanimously approved as written

Correspondence: None.

Plans: None

Updates:

Community Center:

BOS Meeting on August 20, 2019 Karen Sweeney provided a presentation on the function, size, and balance of the needs for the community center. Judy Stern Goldstein and Rob Galant presented the professional opinion on the buildings as far as each site meeting zoning codes and meeting community needs. The BOS voted to move forward with only the New Britain Rd location for the Community Building.

Discussion:

Karen Sweeney presented her opinion to the P&R Board concerning the need for balance in active and inactive (enrichment) space in the proposed center; we need to look at size and function of the proposed space as presented.

She also stated most community building processes have more than one public meeting and we need to look into ways of getting more information/input concerning the community building from our residents.

Paul DiNella provided it has been determined the building is necessary, so what goes in the building is the input needed, not the building itself.

John Bray pointed out we have a history of programs so we are not starting from scratch, we are justifying what we need that we don't have.

Additional comments:

- Provide other means of giving residence a chance to voice their opinion.
- We need to focus the proposed community center for our immediate community.

- Consider our progress, Phase 1 BOS approved moving to next step, consider Phase 2 the time for input on the future of what the building will provide.
- The New Britain site provides room for expansion and we are short-sighted not to plan on expansion.
- Our population is straight lined but our neighborhoods are starting to turn over and we need to plan for that as well as providing for an aging population.
- Questioned raised about a community center at the Tabor Tract but it was explained that was just the label given to a building and not the function of the building.

Jen Herring announced Kellie McGowan was appointed as our newest P&&R Board member.

On a motion Kathy Brown and seconded by Blythe Kelly the meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote at 6:20.