



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Conference Room B.

- In attendance: John Bray, Paul DiNella, Kevin Kane, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Bowman, Blythe Kelly, Kellie McGowan, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation & Jennifer Herring- BOS Liaison
- Absent: None
- Guests: Stephanie Mason-Township Manager, Dave Tomko-Director of Operations, Nancy Santacecilia, & Joe Salvati

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr.DiNella and a second by Ms. McGowan

Visitors: None

Correspondence: None.

Plans: Hammerstein Museum- Upon reviewing the submitted plans this Board finds no specific Park & Rec concern and therefore, recommends fee in lieu.

Ongoing Business: Indoor Recreation Space: Meeting with YMCA 11/13

The YMCA has requested a meeting with Doylestown Township on November 13th, 2019 to discuss the new addition to their Doylestown location and further discuss the possibility of the Township using that space in lieu of a Township Recreation building or until the proposed Township Recreation Building in completed.

Updates:

Recreation Center:

Ms. Sweeney created a sample of weekly projected community oriented programs for this Board's review of hypothetical revenue. Mr. Bray recommends that Ms. Sweeney present it to the Ways and Means committee.

Mr. Brays expresses that it is our goal, together with the Ways & Means Committee, to prepare a presentation for the BOS's approval at their February 2020 meeting.

Kids Castle:

Mr. Tomko informed our Board that the Kids Castle "drop test" has been rescheduled from 11/12 to 11/15 due to inclement weather conditions. They will test for poured in place resiliency, as well as perform an internal inspection, and an auditor will do the final safety audit. A soft opening is scheduled for 11/21.

Mr. Salvati added that he is trying to coordinate an official opening along with a group of volunteers.

2020 Goals:

Mr. Bray indicates that there is a need for a public restroom adjacent to Kids Castle and that we may even consider a restaurant/ concession stand type structure.

Ms. Herring agrees that public restrooms at Kids Castle will complete this area and make it fully functional.

Mr. DiNella suggests that we need to focus on other parks within our township as to satisfy all resident's needs. In response, Ms. Sweeney has a list of recommendations for needs in other parks for our review at our next meeting.

Mr. Tomko states that the trail in Turk Pak II will be improved and expanded in 2021, after the county concludes work in that park.

Mr. Bray states that we need to further identify focus groups for residents to determine the needs for every park.

Ms. Brown agrees that we need to examine our entire park system and evaluate the needs and possibilities for all parks.

Mr. Bray is determined that in 2020 our Board sets realistic goals that we can fully achieve.

Mr. DiNella suggests that our main focus should be to tour all Township parks and prioritize their needs.

Ms. Brown would like to develop a marketing strategy to make residents aware of all of our seven Township parks.

Ms. Herring would like to see recommendations to work with the Bike & Hike committee to make our parks more accessible to bike and hike.

Mr. DiNella would also like to reconsider a "crowd rise" fundraising option for community fundraising. Mr. Bray makes a recommendation for this Board to send a memo to the BOS to consider adding online donation payments to a specific appointed township staff member to handle this donation process. This recommendation is unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. DiNella and a second by Ms. Brown.

This Board agrees that we would like to see an additional public restroom in Central Park/ Kids Castle. We would like to plan for it in 2020 and budget to finalize and build in 2021.

Mr. Tomko estimates construction costs to build a dual public restroom @ \$150,000

Ms. Sweeney suggests that we consider asking our athletic groups to donate, as they are heavy users of the public restrooms.

Other Business:

Doylestown County Club/ Golf Outing-

Ms. Sweeney informs this Board that Doylestown County Club has contacted her regarding our annual golf outing. They have advised her that they are looking to now provide and charge us for all breakfast items, snacks, beverages, & hot dogs that are served during our event. We will no longer be able to bring any of these items on site.

Ms. Sweeney states that this will increase our costs by nearly 25% which may force us to cancel this upcoming 2020 golf outing and look for other future golf club alternatives.

Township Park & Rec Board Secretary-

Ms. Kelly has requested to resign as this Boards Secretary for 2020.

This Board has unanimously approved Ms. McGowan as Secretary on a motion by Ms. Bowman and a second by Mr.DiNella.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Bowman, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Blythe Kelly

Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____