



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 via zoom.

- In attendance via zoom: John Bray, Paul DiNella, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Bowman, Kellie McGowan, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation & Ryan Manion - BOS Liaison
- Absent: Blythe Kelly, Kevin Kane
- Guests: Dave Tomko-Director of Operations, Matthew McDevitt, Boy Scouts of America, Rick Shea, Liaison for Matt McDevitt and Doylestown Township

Presentation of Matthew McDevitt, Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout candidate

- Eagle Scout candidate Matthew McDevitt of Boy Scout Troop 139 of Warminster is proposing the installation of a 9-hole disc (Frisbee) golf course in Central Park as part of an Eagle Scout project.
- McDevitt described the rationale for the course, with the benefits of this recreational activity, including the wide demographic of individuals who can participate.
- The requirements for the course were discussed, including equipment installation, signage and maintenance.
- Approximately 9-10 acres of land is needed for the course.
- McDevitt described the benefits to the community, including the availability of a recreational activity, that the activity is environmentally friendly and potential economic benefits (installation is relatively inexpensive at approximately \$7,000).
- Funding for the installation would be secured by McDevitt.
- The committee was generally favorable toward the concept of a disc golf course in the Township
- The committee expressed concerns about the proposed location of the course in a relatively undeveloped area of Central Park.
- After consideration of the presentation, the committee directed McDevitt to continue discussions with the Park and Rec director to consider alternative locations for the project within the Township.

Meeting Notes January 17, 2020

The meeting notes were unanimously approved with two edits on a motion by Mary Ann Bowman and a second by Paul DiNella.

Visitors: None

Correspondence: None

Plans: None.

Ongoing Business:

- **Park Assessment.** The committee has completed multiple tours of the Township park system and compiled a spreadsheet of existing improvements and recommended

improvements to each of the Township parks. The committee discussed whether the recommendations should be prioritized for implementation. Through discussion it was decided there is more flexibility when the recommendations are not prioritized. Stephanie Mason suggested that an introduction to the findings of the committee be prepared prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Some specific discussion occurred on the concept of permanent compost toilets instead of porta-potty use within the parks. The committee further discussed the recommendation that a connection be made to connect the New Britain side of Central Park to other areas of Central Park. Additional discussion occurred regarding the recommendation to install bathrooms to serve the lower portion of Central Park in the area of Kids' Castle. After much discussion concerning all parks and the need for restrooms, it was determined that the bathrooms would serve the Castle as well as pavilion area and amphitheater area in general.

- **Social Media and Marketing.** No discussion.
- **Comprehensive Plan Update.** No discussion.
- **Recreation Building.** Karen updated the committee that the Board of Supervisors issued an RFP for the design of the proposed building, with interviews ongoing and the goal to have the award on the August agenda of the Board.
- **Bike and Hike.** Karen provided an update that there is work ongoing with preparation of descriptions of the bike paths within the Township parks.

New Business:

- Looking to the future. Paul DiNella mentioned he would like to see P&R Dept. moving forward in planning more events in the near future. He suggested members think about events for discussion at our next meeting.
- There are two possible events for the remainder of 2020. First is the Christmas event subject to discussion. Second event is a live music event. Park and Rec board members feel events can be accomplished in a socially distant and responsible manner.

Director's Report:

- The Township Golf Outing was confirmed with 91 attendees. A modified program is proposed at Doylestown Country Club.
- Movie night is scheduled to occur in October.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm on a motion by Kellie McGowan and a second by Mary Ann Bowman, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____