

**March 9, 2009**

The Straban Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes from the March 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m. meeting held at 1745 Granite Station Road.

Present: Roy Thomas, Deb Kammerer, Joyce Wentz, Tom Adair, and Sharon Hamm.  
Absent: Jim Stine

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of February 9, 2009 were pre-read and approved by motion of Tom Adair, seconded by Joyce Wentz, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The current balance of the Recreation and Parks budget is \$97,508.35. The report was approved by motion of Joyce Wentz, and seconded by Deb Kammerer, motion carried.

**Appearances:**

**Park Well:**

- Dick Waybright estimated a well located between the pavilion and maintenance building could yield 3-5 gallons/minute.
- Roy obtained three quotes for an estimated 300-foot well.
  - Alexander's Well Drilling                   \$3,685
  - Frank Wilson                                 3,645
  - Eichelbergers Inc.                         3,365
- The Township Supervisors awarded the contract to Alexander's. That firm had actually come out to the park to evaluate it for a well.
- A well could be started within a week.
- The well would have a 6-inch pipe and be used for landscaping and watering equipment.
- Public water might be accessible to the park in the future for drinking purposes.

**Donation to the Gettysburg Rec. Park:**

- The donation would be made out of the Recreation Fund.
- Roy contacted the Gettysburg Rec. Park officials and learned they could use bleachers.
- The board agreed on a 21 foot, 4-row moveable bleacher, costing \$2,995.
- Roy requested a plaque be placed on the bleachers indicating they were donated by Straban Township.
- The township solicitor suggests an agreement with Gettysburg before making a donation from the Rec. Fund to show that Straban residents use the Gettysburg Rec. Park.

- Deb made a motion to recommend to the supervisors the purchase of 21 foot, 4-row moveable bleachers to be donated to the Gettysburg Rec. Park because of the use of the park by Straban residents. Tom seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### **Straban Rec. Park Bleachers:**

- Roy has learned that there are two kinds of bleachers, those designed for children and those designed for adults.
- He will contact the vendor who sold the current bleachers to the park to learn if they are children's bleachers, and why we were advised to buy them.

#### **Playground:**

- The Quitclaim Deed for the Rec. Park requires that the park be handicap accessible. Most of the playgrounds show accessibility via a transfer station.
- Roy will contact the Playworld vendor to discuss playground equipment.
- Playworld equipment would be on a state contract, so we would not need a bid.
- The Gettysburg Rec. Park has a plastic perimeter around the playground, with wood chips that are handicapped approved within the perimeter.

#### **Miscellaneous Park ideas:**

- A small sandbox located near the playground.
- A pump and pump house.
- Portable soccer nets. The comment was made that the nets might rot.
- A basketball hoop.
- Mark can put the equipment together and put down cement for the basketball hoop.
- Determine the wetlands delineation line.
- Look into security for the park.
- The board decided to do an on site inspection of the park before the next meeting.

#### **Walking Trail:**

- A program exists where municipalities (Straban, Cumberland, Gettysburg Borough, etc.) and Penn Dot share hours to complete a project. No money is exchanged.
- The path would need to be 5-feet wide, to accommodate two wheelchairs as they pass.
- Exercise stations could be put in at a later date. The question was raised as to whether people actually use the exercise stations.

#### **Park Sign:**

- Bob McIlhenny designed a sign for the park including the newly adopted township emblem.

#### **Green Space Program:**

- This program is looking for municipality projects.

**Landscaping:**

- No progress was made this month.

**Recreation Plan:**

- Joyce volunteered to contact the Gettysburg High School to learn which facilities are open for township resident use.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by a motion from Tom Adair. Deb Kammerer seconded the motion, motion carried.

**The next Recreation Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009 at 1745 Granite Station Road.**

**Joyce Wentz,  
Straban Township Recreation Board**