

December 19, 2011

The Straban Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes from the December 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m. meeting held at 1745 Granite Station Road.

Present: George Mauser, Tom Adair, Joyce Wentz, Sharon Hamm, and Deb Arnold.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting were pre-read and approved by motion from Tom Adair, seconded by Joyce Wentz, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The current Recreation Fund balance is \$45,983.73. No purchases were made during the month. The Recreation Fund received interest payment of \$3.87. The General Fund was reimbursed for a payment of \$1,612.03 made to Wm. Hill and Associates. The report was approved by motion of Joyce Wentz and seconded by Tom Adair, motion carried.

Appearances: None

Old / New Business:

- Gene Baugher from the township maintenance department met with the Board to give his perspective on the proposed park concept plan. His ideas include:
 - Eliminate loose stones in the parking area.
 - More room is needed to get past the bleachers with the mower.
 - The area at Smith road is very wet so the parking area there may need a large amount of base.
 - The section of the park by Smith Road and the railroad will need to be dried out.
 - Something will eventually be needed along the railroad tracks to deter people from going onto the tracks.
 - Gene also requested a mulcher to help with maintenance of the park.
 - Electricity will need to be run for a light at the second pavilion.
 - More storage space is needed at the park.
- Because of damage to fields resulting from use during wet conditions, George proposed having a closing date after which use of the fields will need to be approved depending on conditions.
- Tennis courts can also be added to ideas for the park.
- George organized the data on the use of the park's fields using pie charts, showing the park's fields received significant use during 2011.
- The Board will need to begin sequencing the park layout to determine when maintenance of the fields can be done.
- Wording regarding liability on the park's reservation form will need to include a mention of the possible closing of fields, and the term sports team needs to be

better defined for insurance needs. Also, "Use at your own risk" signs should be placed at the park.

- Deb Arnold once again expressed interest in joining the Rec. Board and will send a letter to that effect to the township office.
- George gave an overview of what he has in mind for the Board's annual report to the supervisors and for the revision of the township's comprehensive recreation plan.

Public Comment:

- Sharon Hamm suggested that the Board have Gene Baugher attend meetings periodically to help improve communication within the township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by a motion from Joyce Wentz, and seconded by Tom Adair, motion carried.

The next Recreation Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, 2012 at 1745 Granite Station Road.

**Joyce Wentz, Secretary
Straban Township Recreation Board**