

January 16, 2012

The Straban Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes from the January 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m. meeting held at 1745 Granite Station Road.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting were pre-read and approved by motion from Tom Adair, and seconded by Deb Kammerer, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The current Recreation Fund balance is \$45,289.39. No purchases were made during the month. The Recreation Fund received interest payment of \$3.91. The General Fund was reimbursed \$698.25 for a payment to Wm. F. Hill and Associates. The report was approved by motion of Deb Kammerer and seconded by Joyce Wentz, motion carried.

Appearances:

Brian Black, Gettysburg Youth Baseball Association (GYBA)

- The scheduling worked well for the association last year. The GYBA requested use of fields A, B and C from March 26 through April 27 for practice, but they can work with fields A and B.
- A possible temporary fix to the drainage problems around field B and that the Board is working with the township engineer to solve the Park's drainage issues was discussed.
- It was suggested the teams contact the township regarding any maintenance work that the fields might need and not do spot maintenance on the fields.
- Fields A and B will need 7 – 8 bags of hard pack for the mounds.
- The Board gave the GYBA permission to use their backstop tarps and a GYBA Banner and suggested they mark them as belonging to the GYBA.
- The Board will look into the legality of teams having commercial sponsors and the sale of snacks at the Park.
- Bleachers are requested for field B.
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Old / New Business:

- Park landscaping
 - The existing parking area is already impervious and can be paved. It was suggested the new parking areas use pervious pavement.
 - The GYBA would like to have dugouts placed at the fields. One consideration is they would add to the imperviousness of the Park.
 - Deb Kammerer made a motion to take the plan as revised this evening to the supervisors for approval. The motion was seconded by Tom Adair, motion carried.

- Park Scheduling
 - The question was raised as to whether the team scheduling deadline of March 15th was too late for teams, or possibly too early for wet conditions.
 - Gene and Mark will be contacted regarding field use and will place field closed signs due to either weather or over use whether or not the field has been reserved.
 - Bathrooms need to be in place before practice games begin.
- The Board approved the GYBA request for the use of fields A and C on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but deferred the decision on the remainder of the request to the February Rec. Board meeting due to possible scheduling conflicts.
- Liability at the Park
 - The Park is to be used at one's own risk.
 - Teams must have their insurance on file at the township office.
 - Both items will be added to the Park request form.
- A motion was made by Deb Kammerer to present the Rec. Board's Annual Report to the supervisors with the addition regarding the report sent to the Department of Interior. The motion was seconded by Tom Adair, motion carried.
- Comprehensive Recreation Plan
 - The current format will be augmented with detailed planning.
 - Future planning will involve surveying the township's population regarding recreational preferences, and looking into the purchase of more land.
 - The Board would also like to work with other recreation providers in the area to learn how we can enhance recreational opportunities.

Public Comment:

- Sharon Hamm brought information on the operator controlled discharge (mulch kit) that Gene had requested at the Board's December meeting. Tom Adair made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the purchase of the Operator Controlled Discharge for \$375. Joyce Wentz seconded the motion, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by a motion from Tom Adair, and seconded by Deb Kammerer, motion carried.

The next Recreation Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 20, 2012 at 1745 Granite Station Road.

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