

**STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
*George Mauser, Deb Kammerer, Tom Adair, Joyce Wentz, Debbie Arnold*

**MEETING OF: MAY 21, 2012**

The Straban Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Straban Township Municipal Building, 1745 Granite Station Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chairman George Mauser presiding. Others in attendance were: Vice-Chairperson Deb Kammerer; Member Debbie Arnold; Treasurer Tom Adair; Secretary Joyce Wentz; Supervisor Sharon Hamm; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Jon Kilmer, Township Engineer and Gene Baugher, Recreation Maintenance were not present.

Others in attendance were: None.

Board Chairman George Mauser brought the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**

Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Mr. Adair, to approve the April 16, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

The Treasurer, Mr. Adair gave the Treasurer Report. There were expenses associated with engineering expenses in the amount of \$772.97; and expenses associated with the improvement of the bleachers in the amount of \$102.69. The only income was a voided check in the amount of \$14.66 and interest in the amount of \$.14. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$52,841.51.

**Appearances:**

None.

**Old/New Business:**

**Park Operations – Vandalism** – Mr. Mauser indicated that there was yet another vandalism at the park. A white van was seen driving over Field C and Field B and exiting onto the gravel. Mr. Mauser suggested that a security system could be put in. It was suggested that the township keep track of incidents so that they can be put in the annual report to the Board of Supervisors. It was also suggested to keep track of the cost to fix these vandalisms. The road crew should let Ms. Crushong know of any incidents that happen. An incident report could be filled out. If we find out that it is someone associated to one of the organizations, we could ban the organization from using the field. In order to better determine the cost of these incidents and the cost of the park to the general fund, it was suggested to break-down all costs, i.e., gas used, how many times park is mowed, etc. Ms. Arnold suggested finding out from surrounding parks how they handle vandalism. Ms. Arnold will contact the surrounding parks.

**Review Park landscaping improvement detailed planning – Permit application status** – Mr. Mauser informed the Board that the engineer is finalizing the permit application package for the Conservation District and will be submitting for permitting this week.

**Review Recreation Plan Draft** – Mr. Mauser stated that the plan will be budget driven, not need driven. There were some comments from the Board of Supervisors that the Board reviewed and discussed. All changes were acceptable to the Board. Ms. Wentz will do a final Recreation Plan for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. Ms. Kammerer suggested that the picture of the flag on the front page could be changed to a picture of the park sign. Ms. Kammerer will forward this picture to Mr. Mauser to be inserted in the final plan. It was also suggested by Ms. Hamm that reference to the first plan be made on the first page so it is known that this plan supersedes the prior plan. Ms. Hamm will get the date of the first plan to Ms. Wentz. With no further discussion, Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to accept the final changes to the Recreation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Adair asked if there have been any conflicts in the scheduling. Mr. Mauser stated no, not now. There is a request for Saturdays and Sundays in August, September and October by Gettysburg Youth Baseball Assn. (GYBA) for their Fall schedule. It was also noted that the Fall schedules are to be in by July 15, 2012. Ms. Hamm will make a sign for the park to this effect.

Mr. Mauser stated that the next project to be worked on would be the Standing Operations Procedure (SOP) which we will be working on in the winter months.

Ms. Hamm also wanted the Board to know that she has had communication with Gettysburg and Cumberland Township and they would like to come to one of its meetings. They are looking to have more communication with this Board. Mr. Mauser suggested that a workshop could be set up sometime if the meeting date did not suit. Ms. Hamm will let the Board know when she has further communication with Gettysburg and Cumberland Township.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong  
Office Manager

**NEXT MEETING:** SUPERVISORS: June 4, 2012  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: June 18, 2012