

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

George Mauser, Deb Kammerer, Tom Adair, Joyce Wentz, Debbie Arnold

MEETING OF: OCTOBER 15, 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-Chair person Deb Kammerer; Member Debbie Arnold; Secretary Joyce Wentz; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Treasurer Tom Adair was not present.

Others in attendance were: George Douglas from Adams County Aftershock Fastpitch Softball Team and Tony Sanders.

Board Chairman George Mauser brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz, to approve the September 17, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

The Treasurer, Mr. Adair was not present so Ms. Crushong gave the Treasurer Report. There were no expenses and the only income was interest in the amount of \$2.99. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$47,092.08. Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

None.

Old/New Business:

Park Improvement Work Status/Plan Revision – Mr. Mauser brought everyone up to date on the status of the contract with C.E. Williams indicating that work is expected to start this coming week. Jon Kilmer will be meeting with them to do a site walk. Completion is estimated to be around November 19, 2012.

Actions taken by the Board:

Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to accept the township engineer's recommendations to defer Phase 1A until funds are available; modify Phase 1B Statement of Work (SOW) to include grading of full swale; invest in lower cost improvements; and consider use of township internal "self-help" assets to execute lower cost projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to adjust the overall plan to reflect Phase 1A deferral until funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to establish Recreation Fund Management Reserve in the amount of non-expiring funds (currently \$8,735). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to prioritize lesser cost projects. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Kammerer will do research on projects 1-4. The priority list is as follows:

1. Horseshoe pits
2. Expansion of Play Area
3. Sand volleyball courts
4. Bleachers at Field B
5. Dugouts at each Baseball Field
6. Basketball court expansion
7. Tennis courts

The next step would be to get estimates from the road crew for labor & materials. We are looking to do the work in 2013. This Board would take its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Park Operating Procedure - Ms. Arnold stated that this is still being worked on and not ready for presentation to the other Board members at this time.

Preparation for 2012 Annual Report to the Supervisors – This is still being worked on.

Public Comment:

George Douglas – The dugout proposal could be ready for presentation to the Board of Supervisors in January 2013. However, after some discussion it may not be a good idea for the Recreation Park to have wood dug-outs. A chain linked fence might be a better option in thinking of security issues. Mr. Douglas will get back to the Board on this issue.

Ms. Kammerer also informed the Board that she will not be able to attend next month's meeting. She will send any information that she gathers to the Board for review.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING: SUPERVISORS: November 5, 2012
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: November 19, 2012