

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: JULY 15, 2013

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 Vice Chair Debbie Arnold presiding. Others in attendance were: Treasurer Tom Adair; Secretary Joyce Wentz; Member George Mauser; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Chair Deb Kammerer was not present.

Others in attendance were: Sharon Hamm, Supervisor

Board Vice Chair Debbie Arnold brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Mr. Adair, to approve the May 20, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

The Treasurer, Mr. Adair gave the Treasurer Report. There were no expenses in the month of May and June 2013. The only income was interest for May 2013 in the amount of \$1.43. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$30,318.92. Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

None.

Old/New Business:

Update on Drainage Project: Ms. Kammerer did flag the area where the additional drainage pipe needs to go. Ms. Crushong had checked with Mark Walde, Road Master and they will probably not be able to get to this project until early Fall.

Vandalism Deterrents - Mr. Mauser suggested that the Board table this matter and Item 5(d) of the Agenda until the Board makes a formal request of these matters to the Board of Supervisors. The Recreation Board Bylaws were researched and under Article IV – Officers, B(5) it indicates that the Chairperson would serve as a liaison member for reporting purposes to the Township Board of Supervisors. The Board indicated that if the Chair would be unable to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting that another Board member could be designated by the Chairperson to present the report.

Park Development Priority List - Ms. Arnold stated that the Board may want to shift priorities around considering the funds that are available. There are no new funds to come into the township in the near future. With about \$20,000.00 to work with, the Board needs to decide which to do, paving the lower parking lot or doing the smaller projects, i.e., volleyball court, horseshoe pits, etc. Ms. Crushong will talk to Mr. Walde and see if he can get a cost for paving or just putting stone down at the lower parking lot. Also ask Mr. Walde how much it would cost to do the whole lower parking lot and also how

much it would cost to do half of the parking lot. Mr. Mauser asked if the Recreation Fund did not have enough monies right now to do the parking lot could the General Fund loan that money to the Recreation Fund to be paid back when recreation funds became available. This would be a question for the township solicitor and also would need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Arnold suggested having the August meeting at the Recreation Park and to invite Mark Walde so that the priority list and parking can be discussed and requested that everyone bring ideas of how to move forward.

“No Hitting fence with Balls” signs - This was tabled until action by the Board of Supervisors.

Planning for future recreation facilities, discuss strategy development – Ms. Arnold read the e-mail from Ms. Kammerer indicating that she did communicate with the director of County Planning and he had suggested that if Straban Township were participating in the regional comprehensive plan being developed by Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough that recreation needs assessment could be part of that process. Ms. Hamm indicated that comprehensive plans are to be done every ten (10) years. Straban Township has a Comprehensive Plan that is about seven (7) years old and not sure that we are ready to update it now. However, it would be beneficial for the township to be included in the meetings to keep informed as to what is going on with the planning. It is more beneficial to have more municipalities involved in a comprehensive plan because the cost is so great and the only way to get a grant usually is to do projects as a group. It would also be good for this Board to form a relationship with Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) and other surrounding recreation boards to know how they are running things. The County Planning Department wants Straban Township to join the regional comprehensive plan because of the benefits of working together.

Public Comment:

None.

Ms. Crushong received an invitation from the Gettysburg Youth Baseball Assn. for the Board members to attend its banquet which will be held at the Straban Township Park on August 24, 2013. Please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Crushong so that she can pass the information along to the organization.

Ms. Arnold asked how the scheduling of the park was going. Ms. Crushong stated that the scheduling is going good and there have been no conflicts that could not be worked out.

Ms. Arnold stated that next month's meeting will have to include formalizing the picnic preparations. The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 2-5 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: August 5, 2013

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: August 19, 2013