

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

MEETING OF: AUGUST 19, 2013

The Straban Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Park, 100 Smith Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chair Deb Kammerer presiding. Others in attendance were: Vice Chair Debbie Arnold; Treasurer Tom Adair; Secretary Joyce Wentz; Member George Mauser; and Office Manager Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance were: Tony Sanders, Supervisor and Mark Walde, Road Master.

Board Chair Deb Kammerer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz, to approve the July 15, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

The Treasurer, Mr. Adair gave the Treasurer Report. There were no expenses in the month of July 2013. The only income was interest for June and July 2013 in the amount of \$2.53. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$30,321.45. Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Mr. Mauser to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

None.

Old/New Business:

Update on Drainage Project: Mr. Walde said that with the work that C.E. Williams did the drainage problem is about 90% resolved without the additional work to be done by the road crew. The road crew would recommend that the additional work not be done at this time and could re-evaluate the matter next spring. Ms. Kammerer suggested that the tile line be marked so it is easy to track in case additional work is needed next spring. **Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to defer the additional work by the road crew. The Board will look to the road crew for its recommendation if or when additional work on the drainage is needed.** Discussion: Ms. Arnold asked why we wouldn't do the additional work since we were approved to do it and it was a problem. Ms. Kammerer stated that the work that was done did not look like it was going to correct the problem so the Board went ahead and got the approval from the Board of Supervisors to do the additional work. It so happened that the work did correct the problem and everything looks to be draining properly. It is really not the expense that we had approved as much as it is to disturb the area that is now all grown back and stable. This seems to be effective so let's wait. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Vandalism Deterrents - Ms. Arnold presented this matter to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on August 5, 2013 and received approval to purchase deterrents not to exceed \$150.00. The Board and Mr. Walde decided on good locations for these deterrents. Ms. Crushong will make the purchases and the road crew will place them at the appropriate places at the park.

“No Hitting fence with Balls” Signs - This matter was never taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval so Ms. Arnold will bring this up at its September 3, 2013 meeting. If approved, Ms. Crushong will go ahead and order the (3) double sided signs from Len Dick and the road crew will place them on the backstop of each field.

Parking - The Recreation Fund has about \$20,000.00 to do some small projects with or to put towards the parking. As a means to move forward, it was suggested that this Board ask the Township Solicitor if the General Fund could loan the Recreation Fund monies to blacktop the upper parking area. Is this legal to do and if so would the Board of Supervisors support this? Could this be done in phases of gravel then surface? Mr. Walde suggested paving. The Board requested that Mr. Walde give them some numbers on paving the upper parking lot so they had some number to take to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Walde will get a price on paving from storage shed to the end of the parking lot at Field C and a price for the entire parking/driveway and get the numbers to Ms. Crushong so that she can pass them along to the Board members and Ms. Arnold could present them to the Board of Supervisors at its September 3, 2013 meeting. The lower parking area was discussed but decided that at this time and with the limited funds available, it would be best to focus on the upper parking area.

Planning for future recreation facilities, discuss strategy development – Ms. Kammerer had contacted the Adams County Planning Department and they would like to come to a meeting sometime this winter. Right now the Planning Department is working with Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough on a joint comprehensive plan that Straban Township has not decided on how they want to join since its comprehensive plan was done only a few short years ago.

New Business:

Biennial Report: Ms. Wentz prepared the required biennial report to the United States Department of the Interior and forwarded it to all the board members for their review and comment. **Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Mauser to approve the required biennial report prepared by Ms. Wentz dated August 23, 2013 for submittal to the United States Department of the Interior. Motion carried unanimously.**

Picnic: The Board discussed the picnic and the same amount of food will be ordered. Mr. Adair will provide his grill and work the grill that day. Ms. Wentz and Ms. Hamm will pick up the meat and other items.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the Meeting at 7:55 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: September 3, 2013

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: September 16, 2013