

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

MEETING OF: JUNE 16, 2014

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

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Debbie Arnold brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz, to approve the May 19, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

There were no expenses in the month of May 2014. The only income was interest for May 2014 in the amount of \$1.20. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$28,120.04. Mr. Mauser moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

None.

Old/New Business:

Implementing Park Fees - Ms. Arnold recapped the Board of Supervisors comments from the June 2, 2014 meeting. The Board of Supervisors is acceptable to this Board pursuing the possibility of charging user fees to off-set running the park. The Board of Supervisors is looking for recommendations from this Board. There are three (3) possible options: a) charge no fee and General Fund carries the park expenses; b) charge a fee to recoup half of the costs to run the park; and c) charge enough fee to recoup all the costs to run the park. In reviewing the expenses for the last three (3) years, i.e., 2012, 2013 and 2014, the magnitude of costs would generally be \$10,000.00. If costs stay within the \$6,000.00 range, the Board may be able to recommend not charging a fee. The Board needs to decide if it is going to follow the Recreation Plan or put the Recreation Plan on hold. If the Board decides to push the plan it will need to charge fees; if we leave the park as it is now until development fees come in then no charging of fees will be needed. It was decided to research other recreation fee schedules from now until about October 2014. If fees will be implemented they could possibly be implemented in the spring of 2015. Ms. Kammerer would like to see the Board proceed with the Recreation Plan. She noted that the Gettysburg Area Recreation

Authority (GARA) had a campaign and solicited donations for more park area. We could think about doing something like that. There can be more discussion about this once the current paving project is finished. We may be able to increase Field "B" parking area.

Paving Project Update – The Road Crew is scheduled to do the paving of the upper parking area and driveway between August 18th and 30th. This time has been marked off on the Recreation Park Reservation Calendar and an e-mail was sent out to each of the organizations informing them that the park would be closed.

Park Vandalism Reports – There have been no new incidents at the park. Gene Baugher, Recreation Park maintenance personnel, did fix the ruts in the grass by Field B. Ms. Crushong prepared and sent out an Invoice to the organization responsible for reimbursement. The Invoice was in the amount of \$200.00.

Public Comment:

None.

It was decided that there would be no meeting in July and the Board would reconvene on August 18, 2014.

Sunday, September 14, 2014 was set as a tentative date for this year's picnic.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mauser 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: July 7, 2014
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: August 18, 2014