

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

MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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 Deb Kammerer presiding. Others in attendance were: Treasurer Tom Adair; Secretary Joyce Wentz; Member Peter Sontheimer; and Office Manager/Treasurer Robin Crushong. Chair Debbie Arnold was not in attendance.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Vice Chair Deb Kammerer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Wentz moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer, to approve the July 20, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

The beginning balance as of July 1, 2015 was \$9,425.88. There were no expenses for the months of July and August 2015. There was interest earned in the months of July and August 2015 in the amount of \$.40. There were no recreation fees collected in the months of July and August 2015, however, a donation from the Gettysburg Area Girls Fastpitch Softball team in the amount of \$500.00 was received on July 23, 2015. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$9,926.28. **Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Wentz to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Old Business:

Update on Mound Repairs – Ms. Crushong has not received any information from the Gettysburg Youth Baseball Association (GYBA). Ms. Kammerer stated that we will put this back on the agenda for next meeting.

Update on change to Rules and Regulations regarding damage to fields and/or facilities. The Board of Supervisors at its August 3, 2015 meeting approved the additional bullet to be added to the Rules and Regulations under Guidelines and Policies.

Update on recommendation for 2016 use of Recreation Fund fees for park maintenance – Ms. Crushong stated that the Board of Supervisors were fine with continuing to take the maintenance costs out of the General Fund for the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

Update on Benches for Field “C” – Ms. Crushong informed the Board that the benches were received, however, there was damage to one of the benches. She is in contact with the supplier and trying to work out a deal.

Township Picnic – The annual picnic was held on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There were 27 people in attendance. Ms. Wentz will get the receipts for the food to Ms. Crushong for reimbursement. Next year we need to assign a covered dish to a specific Board so we do not have all of one thing.

New Business:

Connecting Twin Oaks and Hunter’s Crossing – Mr. Sontheimer suggested looking into the possibility of connecting two of the largest developments in the township together and connecting them to the North Gettysburg Trail.

- a) Hounds Run (Hunter’s Crossing) to Artillery Dr. (Twin Oaks) which would cross over two (2) properties.
- b) Hedge Row cul-de-sac going along the property line of the Gettysburg Riding Club and Wilbur & Anne Knox properties out to Old Harrisburg Road.

Ms. Kammerer also informed the Board that Tractor Supply is being built right in front of the recreation park. They had to purchase the entire tract of land. As the property gets developed, the Recreation Board may be interested in having land donated to the township instead of monetary donation so that a possible trail could connect the development. This would need to be communicated to the Board of Supervisors at some point.

Ms. Kammerer also requested that a copy of the latest Recreation Plan be e-mailed to the Board members for review and for discussion at the next meeting. This plan needs to be revisited and formally updated to include these possible trails.

It was decided that Mr. Sontheimer, Ms. Kammerer and possibly Mr. Adair would meet with the Board of Supervisors at its workshop on Monday, September 28, 2015 to discuss the above endeavors.

Maintenance of the Old Harrisburg Road Trail – Mr. Sontheimer brought up that the North Gettysburg Trail is in need of some maintenance. The bike path in particular, the paint is coming off the road, the signage is in need of repair and debris needs to be removed from the path for safety reasons. The question was asked who is responsible for maintaining this path. Ms. Crushong stated that there are five (5) entities that are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the North Gettysburg Trail. The Conservation District, Adams County, Gettysburg Bureau, Cumberland and Straban Twps. There have been attempts to draw up an agreement but so far the only thing is a non-written “gentlemen’s agreement”. The Bureau has a sweeper, Straban does mowing and not sure about the other entities responsibilities. It

would be nice if the sweeper could go over the trail about 6 times a year. This will be brought up to the Board of Supervisors at its workshop on Monday, September 28, 2015 too.

Ms. Kammerer suggested that the County Planning Office be invited to our next meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015 to discuss the trail possibilities.

Ms. Crushong and Ms. Wentz will attend the DCNR workshop concerning grant writing for grants available through DCNR to be held in Camp Hill on November 2, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Adair moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: October 5, 2015

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: November 16, 2015