

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

MEETING OF: JANUARY 19, 2016

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 Treasurer Tom Adair; Member Peter Sontheimer; and Office Manager/Treasurer Robin Crushong. Vice Chair Deb Kammerer and Secretary Joyce Wentz were not present.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Debbie Arnold brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Adair moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer, to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

The beginning balance as of November 16, 2015 was \$9,238.31. There were no expenses. There was interest earned in the months of November and December 2015 in the amount of \$.35. There were recreation fees collected in the months of November and December 2015 in the total amount of \$5,500.00. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$14,738.66. **Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Old Business:

Update on a possible trail connecting the Twin Oaks and Hunter's Crossing Developments – Mr Sontheimer commented that there has been no further progress on this matter. **Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to table this matter until further development. Motion carried unanimously.**

Survey Questions – Mr. Sontheimer handed out a draft survey questionnaire that the Board would like to send out to get feedback from the residents of Straban Township and the organizations/individuals that currently use the Straban Township Park. The Board will review the hand-out and come back next meeting with suggestions/comments.

Support Letter Request – Ms. Crushong drafted a letter to be sent to the Adams County Office of Planning and Development for the grant being pursued to complete the North Gettysburg Trail to Gettysburg Area High School and SpiriTrust Lutheran trail. This letter will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval at its next meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016.

There was also discussion about a strip of land by the creek on Old Harrisburg Road being pursued to create a Park.

Recreation Plan review/update – The Board went through the documents and discussed some areas to be updated. Ms. Crushong will take these items and prepare an updated document for review at next meeting.

New Business:

Reorganization – Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to appoint Mr. Adair as Chair and Ms. Kammerer as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously. There was much discussion about appointing a Treasurer and Secretary since these are handled by the office personnel. Ms. Crushong will speak to the solicitor and get back to everyone on this. Ms. Arnold did not accept another term on the Board so there is a vacancy left.

Resignation – A letter of resignation was received in the office today from Joyce Wentz. Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to accept the written resignation of Joyce Wentz effective today. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report – Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Arnold to approve the Annual Report and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Mr. Adair thanked Ms. Arnold for her time on this Board.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: February 1, 2016
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: March 21, 2016