

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

MEETING OF: AUGUST 15, 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 Tom Adair presiding. Others in attendance were Vice Chair Deb Kammerer; Secretary/Treasurer Peter Sontheimer; Members John Colgan and Debbie Arnold; and Office Manager Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Tom Adair brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer, to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of May 16, 2016 was \$23,911.12. There were no expenses. There was interest earned in the months of May, June and July 2016 in the amount of \$2.77. There were \$4,000.00 of recreation fees collected in the month of June 2016. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$27,913.89. **Ms. Kammerer 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 stated that there was no update at this time. It is the intent to include this into the Adams County Grant that is being prepared for the crosswalk to connect the North Gettysburg Trail.

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – Mr. Sontheimer attended a North Gettysburg Trail Steering Committee meeting on August 10, 2016. The parameters of the trail were outlined as being located along Old Harrisburg Road in Straban Township from the existing sidewalk connection adjacent to Johnson Drive, extending to the intersection of Old Harrisburg Road and Boyds School/Shealer Road. It is intended to have two (2) possible crosswalk locations; one at Johnson Drive which is across from the

Gettysburg Animal Hospital on Old Harrisburg Road; the other at Hoke Drive across from the Gettysburg Area High School. One of the crosswalks to have a Rapid Flashing Warning System. The bike lane will be extended to the Old Harrisburg Road and Boyds School/Shealer Road intersection. The existing Spirit Lutheran walking path to connect to the North Gettysburg Trail. Sidewalks to be installed along both sides of Old Harrisburg Road. Pedestrian and bicycle signage to be improved. Traffic calming methods to reduce speeds and provide safe access to adjacent neighborhoods and the Gettysburg Area High School. It would also be the intent to include the connection of the two (2) neighborhoods, Twin Oaks and Hunters Crossing at this time too. There was discussion about the maintenance of these improvements, however, at this time we are only concentrating on the master plan which does not have any maintenance issues. Ms. Kammerer indicated that the first step would be to have the pre-application meeting with the County representatives which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. to review the project and see if it fits within the grant objectives. After the meeting we can get better costs figures from Jodie Evans and finalize the application before the filing deadline of September 30, 2016. Ms. Kammerer reviewed the grant timelines which indicated there could be up to 90 days before the grant would be awarded. The Board reviewed the draft Application that Ms. Kammerer worked on and made some very minor changes. Ms. Kammerer will send out an e-mail to all Board members after the meeting on Wednesday. Since the Board of Supervisors will need to sign this application, it should be on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 to be voted on.

Recreational Questionnaire/Survey – Mr. Sontheimer informed the Board Members that the survey is still open and the door hangers and posters need to be done yet.

Annual Picnic – September 18, 2016 – Ms. Crushong will get the invites out tomorrow by mail/e-mail/hand delivered. Once a count is in, she will contact Ms. Arnold and work with her on getting the supplies for the picnic. Mr. Adair will be the grill master again this year! Thank you Tom!

New Business:

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – Ms. Crushong stated that the park is continuously being used. The calendar is posted at the park. There were no real conflicts that could not be worked out through the office.

Letter from ACOPD – Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – The Board reviewed the letter that was received from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development dated June 10, 2016 seeking participation in a Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to help guide the development of the plan elements, data sources, recommendations and implementation strategies. Mr. Sontheimer indicated an interest in assisting in this. **Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the designation of Peter Sontheimer as Straban Township representative to assist in the development of a Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

Receptacles for Park (4) – Ms. Crushong informed the Board that the maintenance crew would like to replace the four (4) trash cans at the recreation park. Mark Walde received pricing for Rubbermaid Steel Street Basket Waste Receptacles, round, steel, 48 gal., black with lid at a price of \$472.90/each. The Board decided to table this matter at this time.

Public Comment:

None.

Mr. Adair questioned if there is an annual inspection of the play area by the maintenance crew.

Ms. Crushong also read an e-mail that was received by Barbara Walter:

“I wanted to pass this along – too often all you hear are complaints about how things are not right or not done. I was at the Straban Township park on Smith Road – what a delightful area and so well maintained!!!! I have been there a couple of times over the past couple years and always thought it was a nice park – but the other night it was a nice evening and I just sat there (in between innings of the baseball game) and took in the entire landscape and saw how beautiful the area was and so well maintained. Thank you to the supervisors and staff for having and maintaining a wonderful public park enjoyed by so many!!!! This should be a testament of the good things that municipalities do!!!! Keep up the good work!”

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: September 6, 2016

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: September 19, 2016