

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

MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 21, 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 September 19, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of September 19, 2016 was \$27,916.01. There was one expense of purchasing (4) trash receptacles in the amount of \$1,131.02. There was interest earned in the month of September 2016 in the amount of \$2.09. There were no recreation fees collected in the month of September or October 2016. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$26,787.08. **Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Old Business:

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – The Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program Application was filed on September 29, 2016. Ms. Kammerer indicated that there were eight (8) applications submitted to the grant program and there is \$400,000.00 designated to this grant. Ms. Kammerer indicated that she was appointed as a committee member on the Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Program which is part of the County Agricultural Land Preservation Program that grants farm easements.

Recreational Questionnaire/Survey – The Board reviewed and discussed the printout of responses from the on-line survey. Mr. Sontheimer informed the Board Members that he is almost finished hanging the door knockers in the Twin Oaks community and will be working on the Hunters Crossing community soon.

New Business:

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – Ms. Crushong stated that the park will be closed at the beginning of December. There were no real conflicts that could not be worked out through the office. Shealer will be picking the port-a-potties up from the park soon.

Mr. Adair brought up the research on possible addition to the existing swing set. Mr. Colgan will research this and discuss it at the next meeting (January 17, 2017).

Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Mr. Sontheimer reported that this committee met and are working on a comprehensive survey of bicycle and pedestrian paths to be added to the master plan and included on the GIS mapping. The next meeting for this committee is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

Since the Recreation Funds are increasing, it was suggested that at the next meeting of this Board (January 17, 2017) they discuss short-term projects from the plan that could be implemented.

Mr. Adair thanked Debbie Arnold for her many years of service to this Board. Her term expires on December 31, 2016 and she requested not to be reappointed.

Mr. Colgan and Mr. Sontheimer will reach out to Jim Dunlap and see if he would be interested in serving on this Board.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Arnold moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: December 5, 2016

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: **Tuesday, January 17, 2017**