

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

*Tom Adair, Deb Kammerer, Peter Sontheimer, John Colgan, **Vacant***

MEETING OF: MAY 15, 2017

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; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Member John Colgan was not present.

Others in attendance: Ken Stevens.

Board Chair Tom Adair brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer, to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of March 20, 2017 was \$29,791.08. There were expenses in the total amount of \$6,086.79 for engineering cost on North Gettysburg Trail; pressure washer; team benches for Fields A and B; advertising for Movie in May at GARA; and tree/shrubs at flag pole. There was interest earned in the months of March and April 2017 in the amount of \$2.18. There was a donation collected in the month of April 2017 in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Gettysburg Youth Baseball Assoc. for team benches on Fields A and B. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$24,706.47. **Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Report from Road Crew:

Ken Stevens was present and gave the Board an update on improvements at the park. The team benches for field A have been installed. The team benches for field B will be installed next week. The tree (8 ft. tall) was planted at the "rocks" in the front of the park and the shrubs were removed. New shrubs were

purchased and planted at the flag pole. The stump where the old tree used to be was removed. Mr. Stevens requested approval to purchase a 100 foot hose and wheel for the recreation park so that it would be easier to water the tree and shrubs. It should not cost more than \$150.00. **Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to recommend approval of the purchase of the 100 foot hose and wheel. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – The Board received the revised Pedestrian Needs Accommodation Study and North Gettysburg Trail Extension Evaluation from Jodie Evans, McMahon Associates, Inc. for review. The Board decided that this report should be shared with the Board of Supervisors and the partners to get their support and recommendations. Once support is received, the Board would like to meet with PennDOT to get their input on the beacon or other signage/stripping.

GARA/Straban Township – May Movie in the Park – The Board of Supervisors approved financing the advertisement in the Gettysburg Times for this event. The event was rained out on May 5th but rescheduled for May 12th.

Replacement Tree and Shrubs around flag pole – Mr. Stevens stated earlier that they removed the old tree stump and planted the new tree at the “rocks” in front of the park. The shrubs were planted at the flag pole.

Team Benches at Fields A and B – Mr. Stevens stated earlier that the team benches on Field A have been installed and the team benches for Field B will be installed next week.

Recreational Questionnaire/Survey – Mr. Sontheimer suggested closing the questionnaire/survey in July 2017. The survey would have been up for one year.

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – Ms. Crushong handed out a summary data showing the use of the park on each field and the pavilion. There have been some conflicts that the office has been able to worked out.

Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – There was no update to report.

New Business:

Future Park Improvements – It was the hope that the representative from BNS Sports would be in attendance so that we could discuss possible purchase of swing sets. It was determined that the road crew

would not have time this summer with the road projects that they are doing to install swing sets so it was decided that this matter will be discussed at the next meeting in July.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: June 5, 2017

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: July 17, 2017