

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: JULY 16, 2018

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; Secretary/Treasurer Peter Sontheimer; Member John Colgan; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Vice Chair Deb Kammerer was not in attendance.

Others in attendance: Tony Sanders.

Board Chair Tom Adair brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan, to approve the May 14, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of May 14, 2018 was \$40,595.82. There were expenses totaling \$3,056.80. There was interest earned in the months of May and June in the amount of \$3.02. There were no recreation fees collected. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$37,542.04. **M. Colgan moved, seconded by Mr. Adair to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

Mr. Sanders thanked the Board for all the work that they do. He informed the Board that there are recreation funds probable as indicated in the Treasurer report and he encouraged the Board to start thinking now of projects that they would like to see completed within the next 3-5 years. Mr. Sontheimer asked if the Board of Supervisors would be open to acquisition of land to connect Hunters Crossing, Twin Oaks and town out on Old Harrisburg Road. Mr. Sanders stated that he is not opposed to acquisition but was concerned about the expense of upkeep to two parks and noting that at some point down the road development will stop and so will the funds. Mr. Sanders stated the land behind the existing Straban Township Recreation Park would be more desirable for connectivity.

One thing that would make the park more desirable would be to extend the water/sewer from Tractor Supply and build a restroom house. The maintenance equipment shed could be enlarged too.

Mr. Sanders asked the Board to consider recreation funds to pay the summer labor wages for maintaining the park. **Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan to recommend the summer labor wages for maintaining the park be reimbursed to the Payroll Fund by the Recreation Fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – Jodie Evans of McMahon & Associates indicated in an e-mail to Ms. Crushong that the ramps are designed, and she is getting ready for finalizing. The Board tabled this matter until the September meeting.

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – The park is being scheduled with organizations and individuals. So far, no conflicts.

Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Mr. Sontheimer indicated nothing new to report, however, Mr. Colgan and he met with Dr. Jason Perrin, Superintendent of the Gettysburg Area School District, to inform him of what is happening, what could happen and how the high school fits into all of this. They talked about the swing gate and how nice it would be to keep this open.

Mr. Sanders suggested doing a compromise with the school district wherein the swing gate could be removed and the Recreation Board could supply and install removable bollards if the school district completes the sidewalk in front of the main entrance.

New Business:

Five-Year Report – U.S. Department of the Interior – Ms. Crushong prepared the next five-year report to the U.S. Department of the Interior which is due on August 23, 2018. **Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan to recommend the letter be sent to the U.S. Department of the Interior to meet this requirement as stated in the Quitclaim Deed. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sontheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: August 6, 2018
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: September 17, 2018