

## **STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

*Peter Sontheimer, Deb Kammerer, John Colgan, Greg Hofe and **Vacant***

### **MEETING OF: JULY 15, 2019**

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 Peter Sontheimer presiding. Others in attendance were; Vice-Chair Deb Kammerer; Secretary/Treasurer John Colgan; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Member Greg Hofe was not present.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

### **Minutes:**

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan, to approve the May 20, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports:**

#### **Treasurer:**

The beginning balance as of May 20, 2019 was \$36,546.54. There were expenses totaling \$280.00. There was interest earned in the months of May and June in the amount of \$1.33. There was \$100,000.00 collected in recreation fees. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$136,267.87. **Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Sontheimer to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Appearances:**

None.

### **Old Business:**

**Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study** – G.B. Groat, Inc. is out at Twin Oaks working on the storm sewer system maintenance project. They will be installing the curb ramps at the intersection of Johnson Drive and Old Harrisburg Road once they are finished with the storm sewer system maintenance project. Mr. Sontheimer asked who was responsible for the bike markings on Old Harrisburg Road. It was discussed that this was probably PennDOT. Ms. Kammerer asked who would be responsible for the roadway markings and the signage. Ms. Crushong thought the roadway markings was in the work to be done and the road crew would do the signage, however, when looking back at the price quote both the roadway markings and signage are included in the price.

**Recreation Park Status and Scheduling** – The fields are all scheduled with ball teams practicing as weather permits. So far there have been no conflicts or vandalism to the park.

**Park Improvement Plan Revision: Project Prioritization** – The Board reviewed the “Near to Mid-Term Planning Outline” in the Recreation Plan revised June 3, 2019. The Board decided to enlarge the maintenance building. The road crew needs to determine if this is only for storage, working on equipment, how large of an addition they need, etc. Once these things are determined, the township may need to file a Land Development Plan. There was discussion about the phased parking and second pavilion with 13 additional parking spaces. The Board decided that they will look into this more when the additional parking is warranted. Right now the overflow parking area is accommodating. The Board decided to explore the idea of sand volleyball courts and horseshoe pits. Mr. Colgan will work on costs for a sand volleyball court and Ms. Crushong will pull the prior information that was collected a few years ago. The Board discussed the bleachers at Field B. Ms. Crushong will look into if the baseball team organizations would be willing to contribute. Mr. Sontheimer would like to continue with the expansion of the existing North Gettysburg Trail facilities and use the recreation fees collected to invest in more places in the township for connectivity. There was discussion about the Kortney Meadows development and getting in contact with the developer to discuss trails to connect this with Hunters Crossing, Twin Oaks and the North Gettysburg Trail.

**New Business:**

**Annual Picnic – September** - The Board decided not to have a picnic this year since the past years' attendance has not been good. It was suggested that once new improvements have been done to the park (volleyball court, horseshoe pits, etc.) we could have an open house type event. It was also suggested that once the cross walk is finished on Old Harrisburg Road that an article be placed in the Gettysburg Times to inform the public about the improvements Straban has made and the new improvements to its park.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Colgan moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong  
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING:**

SUPERVISORS: August 5, 2019

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: September 16, 2019