

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Peter Sontheimer, Deb Kammerer, John Colgan, Greg Hofe and James Dunlop

MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 16, 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; James Dunlop; and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Member Greg Hofe was not present.

Others in attendance: Tony Sanders.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Dunlop, to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of July 15, 2019 was \$136,267.87. There were expenses totaling \$7,128.50. There was interest earned in the months of July and August in the amount of \$2.44. There were no recreation fees collected. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$129,141.81. **Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

Tony Sanders, Road/Maintenance Department – The maintenance department has some thoughts about improvements at the recreation park.

1. Playground equipment addition – slide, see-saw, etc. for older age group children. Currently there is a play station for younger aged children. The swing sets get used a lot since they have been installed.
2. Maintenance shed enlargement – would recommend that the enlargement stay within the fenced/concrete area and increase the height of the building. It was thought that the enlargement of the maintenance shed would be to house a larger tractor and equipment, however, it may be preferable to purchase a zero turn mower instead. An option was brought up by Ms. Kammerer to build a new maintenance building and move the existing building somewhere else on the property to store equipment like horse shoes, volleyballs, basketballs, volleyball net, etc.
3. Walking trail around the park – this could be a stone trail and connect to Tractor Supply. Ms. Kammerer questioned ADA compliance. We would need to find out what our obligations are concerning ADA.
4. Parking Lot Area – this would be at Field B, however, the only entrance would be at the main entrance and you would either go up to the over flow parking, parking at Field A or go down along the split fence and park at Field B.
5. Pavilion at Field B – there is not a lot of room here but the current pavilion is starting to be used a lot more. Ms. Kammerer stated that her church used the pavilion this past month and had a wonderful time. She asked Mr.

Sanders if electric could be run to the other post in the pavilion so that crock pots could be plugged in at the other side of the pavilion too. Mr. Sanders said this would be possible.

The maintenance department, with recreation funds, did purchase a truck specifically for the recreation park. It is a 1995 F150 manual 4 wheel drive and it was purchased for \$1,000.00 from New Oxford Municipal Authority.

There was discussion about spraying the fields and asking Jim Pennington to do it. The fields may have to be closed for a time. The Recreation Board asked the maintenance department to go ahead and pursue this.

Old Business:

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – G.B. Groft, Inc. has finished about 80% of the work and has been paid \$5,880.00 of the \$7,350.00 contract. It was noted that the contract does call for installing roadway markings and signage. Ms. Kammerer asked if this is existing signage or new signage. If it is new signage it might be better to go with the green signs because they seem to stand out better.

Mr. Sontheimer asked if the bike path on Old Harrisburg Road could be swept again. Mr. Sanders said that they could ask but it's the Borough's sweeper. The recreation board thinks it would be a good idea to have a maintenance agreement between the three (3) entities that work together to maintain the trail.

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 – If the board looked into a volleyball court it would not have to be with sand. It could be just poles and a net. Mr. Colgan suggested that the poles not be treated but to get good poles and put them in the ground. The net could be removed in the winter months.

New Business:

Resignation of Greg Hofe – Mr. Hofe sent an e-mail to everyone stated that he would have to submit his resignation from the Recreation Advisory Board because his schedule does not allow him the time to attend/focus on these meetings. He thanked everyone for their consideration.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Colgan moved, seconded by Mr. Dunlop to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: October 7, 2019
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: November 18, 2019