

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Peter Sontheimer, Deb Kammerer, John Colgan, James Dunlop and Mike Flaherty

MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 18, 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; Mike Flaherty; and Office Manager Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer, to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of September 16, 2019 was \$129,141.81. There were expenses totaling \$1,750.00. There was interest earned in the months of September and October in the amount of \$1.96. There were no recreation fees collected. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$127,393.77. **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. Groft, Inc. has finished the work and has been paid \$7,350.00 of the total contract price. This project is now complete. There was some discussion about different possible trails to advance this connection. The Kortney Meadows plan was discussed and possible opportunity to negotiate land in lieu of recreation fees. Mr. Sontheimer suggested that a photo be taken at the crosswalk and get media to do a story for publicity.

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – The fields are closed for the winter months as of the second week of November.

Park Improvement Plan Revision: Project Prioritization – The road crew looked into having Pennington spray the fields and lower parking lot for weeds. It was suggested to do this spraying in March/April before the fields are to be used by the organizations. The quoted price was around \$1,000.00. The road crew will go ahead and schedule to have this done early next year. The Board would like to add to the existing playground area with equipment made for 5-12 years and also to include facilities for children with disabilities like a wheel chair swing set. Horse shoe pits, volleyball courts and trail around the park were also discussed, however, the Board feels adding to the play area

would be most beneficial. The Board will make a time to meet at the park prior to the January 20th meeting to get an estimate on size of equipment that we would be looking at to get a better pricing on the cost involved.

New Business:

Membership Terms – Mr. Sontheimer' s term is up at the end of this year. Ms. Crushong asked if he would serve for another term. He agreed to serve. At this time, the Recreation Board has full membership. Thank you everyone for your service to the township.

Recreation Park Annual Report to Board of Supervisors: Ms. Crushong handed out the Annual Report from last year and asked the Board to review it and this can be discussed at next meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Mr. Sontheimer received an e-mail from Eric at HAPBI about the trail project that they would like to launch with the township related to Shealer and Boyd School Roads. They are looking to put a pedestrian trail on Shealer/Boyd School Road. This seems to be the biggest need in the County. More information to follow.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: December 2, 2019

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: January 20, 2020