

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: MAY 18, 2020

The Straban Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation Board met at the Recreation Park, 100 Smith Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with Board Chair Peter Sontheimer presiding. Others in attendance were; Vice-Chair Deb Kammerer; James Dunlop; Mike Flaherty and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Secretary/Treasurer John Colgan was not present.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty, to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of January 21, 2020 was \$122,424.17. There were expenses totaling \$1,663.57. There was interest earned in the months of January, February, March and April in the amount of \$28.42. There were no recreation fees collected, however a donation of \$110.00 was received. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$120,899.02. **Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Old Business:

Update on the North Gettysburg Trail Extension Study – Nothing at this time.

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – Since March 6, 2020, when the Governor issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, notice has been posted at the play areas that the equipment is not sanitized, however, the park is currently open to the public. During this time there have been no reservation requests received.

Park Improvement Plan Revision: Project Prioritization – The entire park was sprayed on April 6th & 7th. The Recreation Board had met out at the recreation park on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss proposed improvements to work on in the near future. The Board decided that an extension of the playground to include an area suitable for children ages 5-12 would be the top priority right now. The extension could come out by the existing swing sets to make the playground area an L shape. The measurement of the area would be 56' long x 32' wide and could have a step up to this area. The Board was thinking about having part of it being accessible. Since the playground area is coming out closer to the existing tree, we could look into purchasing benches to sit around the

tree. The second priority would be a ½ mile cindered/black top walking trail around the perimeter of the park being about 5-6' wide. Ms. Crushong will work on getting quotes for these two projects prior to next scheduled meeting.

The Board discussed the road crew's suggestion about moving the existing maintenance building to the basketball pad to be used by the organizations and building a new maintenance building that would be the same footprint as the existing concrete pad. The chain link fence would be taken down. Ms. Crushong informed the Board that the road crew felt they would be able to move the maintenance building to the basketball pad.

Mr. Dunlop suggested purchasing about 1-2 acres from the Riding Club and installing a playground area to serve Twin Oaks and Hunters Crossing. This may also connect the Kortney Meadows Development if it ever comes in. An area of the property could be used for a dog park. Make an area for small dogs and an area for larger dogs. We may want to invest in dog waste station & receptacle at the recreation park since people do bring their dogs to the park to walk.

The Board requests that the Board of Supervisors ask the township solicitor what an easement would mean with the Riding Club? How could we start a relationship with the Riding Club? Could the Riding Club sell off 1-2 acres to the township to put a playground area on? Since the Hunters Crossing has a homeowner's association (HOA), the township could ask if they would be interested in maintaining the property. Questions about liability? Just a thought that the Board was kicking around.

The second Pavilion was discussed but decided that this would be lower down on the list of priorities.

The Board asked if the road crew installed the pipe and box culvert on Shealer Road. This has been installed and room was left for a pedestrian walkway.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Flaherty moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: June 1, 2020

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: July 20, 2020