

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: JULY 20, 2020

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; James Dunlop; Mike Flaherty and Office Manager Robin Crushong. Secretary/Treasurer John Colgan was not present.

Others in attendance: Ken Stevens.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty, to approve the May 18, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of May 18, 2020 was \$120,899.02. There were expenses totaling \$405.00. There was interest earned in the months of May and June in the amount of \$20.13. There were no recreation fees collected. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$120,514.15. **Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

Ken Stevens: Informed the Board members that the fields are in good condition and that it was a good idea to do the spraying. He stated it might be a good idea to do this annually.

Old Business:

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – The park is currently open to the public. Reservation requests are coming in. There was a slight increase in the use of the Pavilion with groups doing outside meetings. Sport Organizations are scheduling their practices and games for the Fall.

Park Improvement Plan:

Playground Equipment – 5-12 year olds – The Board was given two (2) playground equipment options from BSN Sports. Option 1 was \$90,212.52 and Option 2 was \$124,417.23. The quotes with mulch were \$3,150.00 more. Ms. Kammerer went to Families in Dillsburg, PA and picked up a catalog. The playground equipment is about 1/3 the

price of the BSN Sports equipment but is not State Certified. The Board discussed the meaning of "State Certified" and asked that this be researched. Is this something that the township is required to have since the playground equipment is opened to the public.

There were discussions about grants that are available. Adams County has a round opened now in the Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program which applications must be filed by August 31, 2020. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) opens a round each year from January to April.

If the Board can go with Families in Dillsburg, PA, the Board will schedule a time to sit down with a representative prior to the next regular Board meeting. If the Board is required to go with State Certified playground equipment, Ms. Kammerer will start to work on the grant application for the Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program. The Board would like to sit down with a Representative from BSN Sports to design a play area within a budgeted amount. Ms. Kammerer would like to see an extension of the swing set to include an adaptive swing.

GaGa Ball Pit – The Board discussed looking into having a Boy Scout or Eagle Scout do this as a project, It needs to be confirmed that this does not need to be "State Certified".

Perimeter Trail at Rec Park – Mr. Sanders gave a ballpark estimate to do a ½ mile walking trail around the park at \$15,000.00. The Board would like to see this done either this year or next year.

Move Maintenance Building / Build new Maintenance Building – The Board would like a quote on moving the existing maintenance building to the ½ basketball court and a cost of the new maintenance building to be placed on the existing concrete pad.

New Business:

There was a request that came in for the Board to look into adding handicapped parking spaces around the pavilion. The Board will discuss this at its next meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: August 3, 2020

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: September 21, 2020