

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: JANUARY 19, 2021

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: Deb Kammerer, Vice-Chair, John Colgan, Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Flaherty and Office Manager Robin Crushong. James Dunlop was not present.

Others in attendance: Erik Vranich, Township Engineer.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr. Flaherty moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan, to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of November 16, 2020 was \$216,206.32. There were expenses totaling \$5,365.66. There was interest earned in the months of November and December in the amount of \$41.05. There were deposits made in the amount of \$101,600.00. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$312,481.71. **Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appearances:

None.

Old Business:

Recreation Park Status and Scheduling – The park is closed for the season. The park will reopen in March 2021.

Park Improvement Plan:

Playground Equipment – Grant Application to Adams County – Ms. Kammerer spoke to Kelly Koch and this is usually awarded in January, however, there is a delay at this point most likely because of COVID-19.

Recreation Improvements to be proposed on a Sketch Plan – Ms. Crushong introduced Erik Vranich, Township Engineer from Wm. F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. Mr. Vranich presented a draft sketch plan to mark-up tonight with the proposed improvements and the placement of these improvements. This sketch plan will then be prepared and sent to the Recreation Board for approval. It will go to the Straban Township Planning Commission (does not have to go to the Adams County Office of Planning and Development) and then to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The projects discussed were:

Playground Equipment – this will be purchased from a Co-Star participant. The Co-Star Contract numbers for the equipment and installation have been forwarded to the Township Attorney for his approval. If this was bid correctly under Co-Stars, then this equipment and installation will not need to be bid out.

Perimeter Trail around Park – after discussion on this, the Board decided to take the trail in a figure 8 shape throughout the park. The material to be used was agreed to be pervious material so as to not get into stormwater management costs.

Existing Maintenance Building moved to existing ½ basketball court – No bid would be needed on this. The road crew will be moving the building themselves.

Building a new Maintenance Building – this will be on the existing concrete pad so there will be no new impervious area. This project will need to be bid out with specs for construction, plumbing, heating, etc.

Benches – this are shown on the playground equipment quotes so they are included in that price.

Handicapped Parking – Mr. Vranich will make sure the elevations are correct for ADA requirements but this will only include signage and line painting.

Drop Off / Pick Up Area – this was discussed at the lower parking area near Field B. It was noted that there is a lot of congestion at the upper parking lot with people coming and going and some trying to park. If there was a designated drop off / pick up area it could eliminate a lot of traffic in and out at the upper parking lot. This would include signage making it one-way.

GaGa Ball Pit – the Board decided that this could be incorporated into the playground equipment space. Either the 20' or the 26' diameters would fit within this space. The Board decided that they would go with the 20' diameter which may appeal to the younger children more than the older children.

Mr. Vranich will prepare the sketch plan and send it to the Board for review. It could be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its meeting this month and the Board of Supervisors on February 1st. The bids could go out around March for construction to begin this summer.

New Business:

Reorganization – Mr. Flaherty moved seconded by Ms. Kammerer to appoint Peter Sontheimer as Chair; Deb Kammerer as Vice Chair, John Colgan as Treasurer, James Dunlop as Secretary and Mike Flaherty as Member. Motion carried unanimously.

TKC Rec Fees v. Land – Mr. Vranich has had some conversations with TKC representatives and there is interest in giving the Township some land in lieu of fees. The current fees to be collected would be around \$71,750.00. The amount of acres would be close to 10 acres. The only issue would be creating access to this lot. There were ideas of building a boardwalk bridge, asking the owner of the tractor path for an easement. This will need to be worked out prior to purchase. Expanding the park is a good idea with the amount of usage that the current park gets.

Other Matters:

Purchase 2 acres off Old Harrisburg Road – The Board would like to purchase 2 acres or at least get an easement across the Riding Club property to connect Hunters Crossing and Twin Oaks to the North Gettysburg Trail so that

there is pedestrian access to town and to the High School. Mr. Vranich will keep this in mind when and if Kortney Meadows plan comes back in.

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 8:35 p.m. this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: February 1, 2021

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: March 15, 2021