

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The Straban Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met this date, as publicly advertised, at 7:00 p.m. at the Straban Township meeting room, 1745 Granite Station Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Those in attendance: Peter Sontheimer, Chair; Deb Kammerer, Vice-Chair; John Colgan, Treasurer; James Dunlop, Secretary; Mike Flaherty, Member and Office Manager Robin Crushong.

Others in attendance: None.

Board Chair Peter Sontheimer brought the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty, to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of July 24, 2023 was \$339,418.64. There were expenses totaling \$776.00. There was interest earned in the months of July and August in the amount of \$57.64. There was a donation from High Heat Baseball Club for baseball field in the amount of \$250.00. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$338,950.28. **Mr. Sontheimer 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 fields are full. The pavilion is being scheduled a lot this year too.

Stipulations on light towers at the Park: A policy will now be in place if an organization would like to use its own light towers and bring them on the Straban Township Recreation Park property. The stipulations are as follows:

1. The organization will mark the field as to where the light towers should be placed.
2. The light towers will be placed by the organization on the corner of the parking lot area and the maintenance crew will move the light towers to the designated area.
3. At no time will the light towers be moved from its location unless the organization requests the maintenance crew to move them.

4. At no time will the light towers be serviced at the field. If the light towers need to be serviced, the organization will let the maintenance crew know and the maintenance crew will move the light towers up to the parking area.
5. At the end of the season, the organization will notify the maintenance crew to move the light towers to the parking area.
6. The organization will be responsible for removing the light towers from the parking area immediately.
7. At no time during this placement and removal of the light towers is the township responsible for damage to the light towers. The township is also not responsible for vandalism of the light towers while on the Township property.

Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer to adopt the stipulations for light towers when used on the Straban Township Recreation Park property. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance/Bathroom Facility – The Board of Supervisors tabled this matter and requested the staff look into possibilities with Morton Buildings and KNP/Gordian/Lobar Associates. The staff is in the process of getting additional proposals. At this time, this matter will be handled by the Board of Supervisors.

Trees from Boyer Nurseries – replacement of four (4) trees in October – Boyer Nurseries will be replacing the four (4) dead trees in October. These trees were under the warrantee.

New Business:

Pursue additional recreation areas within the township –

Options for Riding Club property –

- a. Purchase entire property (10 acres) for about \$175,000.00 and rent a portion back to the Riding Club for \$1.00 annually.
- b. Purchase a partial easement
- c. Purchase a portion of the property.

Options for Kortney Meadow development –

- a. Proposed trail for the development does not include the portion behind the Gordon Ave. properties in which to connect Twin Oaks to Hunters Crossing so the Board would like to negotiate with the developer in extending the trail and reducing the \$151,000.00 recreation fees due.

The goal is to connect the North Gettysburg Trail to the Twin Oaks, Kortney Meadow, Hunters Crossing and Union Square Developments within the township.

Traffic may become an issue once Kortney Meadow Development goes in and the speed limits may need to be studied.

The Recreation Plan was discussed and decided to make minor changes and that most of the concerns from Mr. Hartzell will be addressed with the Kortney Meadow Development plan.

Public Comment:

None.

Other Matters:

A handicapped port-a-pottie will be delivered to the recreation park soon. We have had some complaints about not having a handicapped facility.

The Straban Township Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations adopted by Resolution 2013-04 and revised August 3, 2015 needs some additional revisions.

- a. Page 2 – add “2 grills” “swing set” and “Perimeter Trail” under Park Facilities
- b. Page 2 – hours of operation from “sunrise and 9 p.m.”
- c. Page 3 – Animals and Pets – add “There are two (2) dog waste receptacles located in the park for easy disposal.”
- d. Page 3 – Prohibited Activities/Conduct – add “This includes food/drink trucks of any kind.”
- e. Page 4 – Prohibited Activities/Conduct – add “Lighting and/or Display of fireworks”
- f. Page 4 – Periodic Revisions to this Document – add “of every other month” and delete “every month”

James Dunlop’s term is up on December 31, 2023. Ms. Crushong will need to know if he plans to serve another five (5) year term.

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: October 2, 2023
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: November 13, 2023