

STRABAN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

MEETING OF: JANUARY 16, 2024

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:

Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Ms. Kammerer, to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The beginning balance as of November 13, 2023 was \$325,786.79. There were expenses totaling \$6,674.11. There was interest earned in the months of November and December in the amount of \$54.38. There were no deposits. The balance in the Recreation Account is currently \$319,167.06. **Mr. Dunlop 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 still closed for the winter months. The office is working on the new 2024 Calendar and getting the reservation requests entered.

Status of Projects discussed in 2023 –

1. Hook-up of water/sewer to park – the Board is not pursuing this at this time
2. Recreation Plan update – completed
3. Lights for soccer field – a Stipulation Policy for organizations was adopted
4. Bids for new maintenance building – design and building – still working on getting quotes
5. Gettysburg Riding Club – partnership – will set up a workshop meeting to involve John Hartzell, Recreation Board, Carol, Judy and the Gettysburg Riding Club Board members for some day around 3:00-3:30 p.m. The Board would like to purchase the entire parcel and lease back to Gettysburg Riding Club. Prepare an outline of how this would work.

6. GARA collaborating partnership – Board is not interested in pursuing this. GARA never came back with a proposal.
7. Connection between Gettysburg North Trail and developments (Twin Oaks, Kortney Meadow, Hunters Crossing) – will continue to pursue this

New Business:

Reorganization – Ms. Kammerer moved, seconded by Mr. Flaherty to keep the same positions as last year with Peter Sontheimer as Chair; Deb Kammerer as Vice-Chair; John Colgan as Treasurer; and James Dunlop as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report for 2023 – The Board reviewed the Annual Report for 2023. Mr. Dunlop moved, seconded by Mr. Colgan to forward this report to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Projects to work on in 2024 –

1. Larger Maintenance Building = 30x40
2. Pollinator garden at corner of park = 8-10 ft.
3. Purchase property from Gettysburg Riding Club = playground, dog park, etc.
4. Purchase property from TKC (behind park) = nature trail, bird watching, etc.
5. Kortney Meadow development = trail to loop all developments together (Twin Oaks, Kortney Meadow, Hunters Crossing and North Gettysburg Trail)
6. Maintenance Agreement on the North Gettysburg Trail between = Gettysburg Borough, Cumberland Township, Straban Township and Gettysburg Area School District
7. Grants: DCNR / Adams County Parks Rec Green Space (PRGS):
 - a. Flashing light at crosswalk on Old Harrisburg Rd / speed limit reduction at High School
 - b. Maintenance Building
8. GaGa Ball Pit = see if the Boys Scouts/Eagle Scouts would want to do this as a project
9. Phased parking for 25 initial spaces; grading for 25 added space expansion
10. A second pavilion with 13 additional parking spaces
11. Horseshoe pits
12. Sand volleyball courts
13. Bleachers at Field B
14. Dugouts at each Baseball Field
15. Tennis courts/Pickleball
16. Upgrading the Message Board
17. Recreation Board to have more correspondence with Planning Commission on developments proposed in the township – wish list

Things in the far future:

1. Public Sewer/Water hook-up stubs / bathroom facilities

Public Comment:

None.

Other Matters:

Air Monitoring Station – We received an email from Robert Valent, Environmental Group Manager with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requesting to put an Air Monitoring Station at the Straban Township Recreation Park. It would be an Ozone Sensor, Particulate Monitor that measures 2.5 and Meteorological sensor. The Board would like more information, like, where would it be located on the park grounds? Can we choose a place to put it? Can we collect a monthly payment? Is this something that is allowed with our Quitclaim Deed? Ms. Crushong will do more research.

9/11 National Memorial Trail – June 2024 – Ms. Crushong wanted to make sure everyone received this email.

Port-a-potties – It was requested that port-a-potties stay at the park during the winter months. The Board has no problem with this. Would like to see what the use would be. If no one is using them, it might not be worth it.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robin K. Crushong
Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

SUPERVISORS: February 5, 2024

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: March 18, 2024