

Minutes (Unapproved)

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority

April 17, 2017

Members in Attendance: Michael Cooper-White, Mary Miner, Steve Niebler, Jake Schindel, Steve Toddles, Keith Ulrich, Michael Williams. Also present were GARA Executive Director Jackie Dwyer, *Gettysburg Times* reporter Tom Fontana, Straban Township representative Debbie Kammerer, and neighborhood resident James Phelp.

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, motions Adopted received unanimous support of members present.

- I. The chair convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Sterner center at the Rec Park. He welcomed new board member Ulrich, appointed by Cumberland Township. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.
- II. Moved by Schindel and seconded by Williams *to approve the agenda as distributed.* Adopted.
- III. Moved by Niebler and seconded by Schindel to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 and March 20, 2017 regular meetings. Adopted.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Mr. Phelps shared his appreciation for the park's appearance and activities. Ms. Kammerer thanked GARA representatives for attending the Township's recent meeting, and reported a commitment to partner in the movie night, with financial support of up to \$300 promised. The chair shared GARA's appreciation for Straban's collaboration, and expressed the hope that ultimately Straban might join GARA. Ms. Dwyer will specify movie night expenses in a letter to Straban. Kammerer further indicated that Straban is working to expand the North Gettysburg trail, utilizing a Green Space grant for a traffic impact study; they are also working with Healthy Adams County and plan to apply to the county for additional grants. Their goal is to improve options available for pedestrians and bikers, and they are eager for additional partners, each of whom must commit to 5% of the project cost, to a maximum of \$25,000. Niebler volunteered to collaborate, and that will ensure ongoing communication with GARA.
- V. **Financial Report:** Niebler reviewed the financial statement, which shows a total balance of \$193,796, increased by recent payments from Cumberland and Kiwanis. The DCNR funding is pending. He called attention to the audit report, noting it is unqualified. Cooper-White moved and Schindel seconded *to accept the audit and note that the treasurer is giving attention to bank reconciliations and review of credit card transactions.* Adopted.
- VI. **New Business:** A fee waiver application from Gettysburg Global Learning was received in the amount of \$250. Cooper-White moved and Miner seconded *to approve the request.* Adopted. Dwyer reported an offer from a local citizen to organize Pickleball games, with an estimated cost of \$400 for equipment to be placed on the basketball courts. She was encouraged to use her discretion in the matter, noting the budget includes an equipment line.

- VII. Director's Report:** Ms. Dwyer expanded on her Operations Report, noting efforts to ready all play areas have been impeded by recent rains. March rentals have increased substantially. Upcoming events include a bus trip to Ocean City and community yard sale. Typical Life is an outstanding resident program, with highly cooperative leaders.
- VIII. Board Member Comments:** Board members once again expressed appreciation for Dwyer's leadership; enthusiasm for new member Ulrich; excitement about an expanding partnership with Straban; continued interest in a Chamber of Commerce reception/mixer; and pleasure at heavy and growing usage of the dog park. Cooper-White noted that the May meeting will be his last, and Schindel will ensure the Boro Council appoints Mr. Phelps as his replacement. The latter indicated openness to serve as secretary if needed.
- IX.** Moved by Cooper-White and seconded by Schindel *to adjourn the meeting* at 7:55 p.m.
Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cooper-White, Secretary