

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**February 18, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Thom Lee, Vice-Chairman Liam Brohan, Members Richard Bulette, Cheryl Nielsen and Dan McKinney. Also, in attendance were Robert Williams, Palmer Township Manager and Robert Smith, Palmer Township Board of Supervisors Member.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes – January 2020.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of January 2020.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Richard Bulette, Seconded by Liam Brohan  
Passed. 4-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Bulette, Lee, Nielsen

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Palmer Township Field House Project

INFORMATION

Lee explained the meeting about the fieldhouse that proceeded the Recreation Board Meeting. Private funding was talked about to reduce the cost. Kiwanis and BIP each donated \$100,000. Pidcock agreed to design and engineer the project at no cost. Dave Colver agreed to be the general contractor of the project. The meeting was a fact-finding mission, the proposed plan is to make it bigger, wider and taller. The first floor is to store equipment and the second floor designed for meetings, award ceremonies, etc. The donators are not keen on it being used for sports, wants feedback from the Recreation Board on what would be beneficial to our residents. This project is zero impact for the residents. Williams reiterated zero impact to residents and wants feedback from the Recreation Board.

McKinney expressed that we have to be sensitive to the Kiwanis of what they are expecting. Lees stated that it should be more of a community youth center than a Recreation Center and can schedule events for 12-13-year old to get them out of

the house. McKinney commented that it would have to have staff full time. Bulette suggested we ask Kiwanis what their expectations are if the Kiwanis doesn't want just sports, they want a balance. McKinney stated it must be multipurpose. Smith suggested to compile a list to bring to the other meeting in two weeks. Williams thanked Smith for cleaning the downstairs of the Municipal Building out. Smith explained that it is all stored in the fieldhouse now and will have to be moved to pole barn. They are hoping to put shelves in. The township is moving the meeting room to the bottom of the Municipal Building.

Discussion on Pickleball and Pickleball in Florida. Williams explained that quote on lighting was very supported by the Board of Supervisors and that this will only grow and giving our residents outside activity.

### **3. Director's Report** **INFORMATION**

McKinney acknowledged that the Bathroom at the Turf field should be ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Sod field is getting a fence, four foot, netting behind nets, 80 feet behind six goal areas and should be ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A proposal to Board of Supervisors about the geese police. They bring border collies to round up the geese. The geese eat every piece of new grass. The Board of Supervisors wanted the township solicitor to look at the contract and he made one change and should be ready to proceed. Also going to be used in the pond fence. McKinney explained how it works. McKinney educated on how invoices were sent to the past pool pass holders, reminding people who had passes that they could be renewed, creating a great return so far, it worked out great. Lee asked about sending the invoices through emails, this is the day and age of emails and clicking a button, McKinney responded, "not there yet". McKinney stated he was meeting with swim team Friday morning. McKinney explained that the Community Center is trying something new with registration for camp this year, called Camp Brain. We are expecting push back with the changes but should be great in 2021. Williams noted that the entire township is moving forward with communications and technology, also wants to be a cashless organization, we are about 10 years behind. This concept has been embraced by most departments and still there are some who are having hesitation. In a year or two we will be there. The township's sewer bill is now paid online. Lee questioned on the new bill being paid in Utah? Williams explained that it is outsourced by Data Technologies, the office that they go to is in Pottsville, but checks are received in Utah. Lee asked if they expected pushback on that? Smith explained the new changes in his office. McKinney explained the Community Center's credit card services and the pool not accepting credit cards, only cash and continued to explain the hiring process at the pool. Smith commented on the value of hands on employees are going to change in the next 3 years, can't attract to be successful, we have to make it worthwhile for people to come here.

#### **4. Egg Hunt**

##### **INFORMATION**

Nielsen stated that eggs are being filled. Fill the old ones, buy new if needed. Nielsen expressed her concern about 9-year old, 4<sup>th</sup> graders, not attending this year. McKinney explained that the Fire Department will be involved. Smith asked to go over everything. McKinney responded there will be signage on what age groups go where. Two and Three-year-old and Four and Five-Year-old will be split on the Turf Field, two separate egg hunts. Six, Seven and Eight-Year-Old will be on the Sod Field after the younger children. Smith and Nielsen gave a synopsis about the candy tables that will be in Community Room A. Nielsen explained that there are Fifteen total prize eggs, Twelve small prizes and Three Large Prizes. Discussion occurred about prizes being given at the site of the hunt. Nielsen also explained that people are needed at the fields to protect. McKinney stated that the Multi-purpose Room could be used for candy as well. Nielsen disclosed that the candy and prizes will be delivered the Friday before the egg hunt. Smith suggested that everyone will meet before to organize, hardest thing was to get people to head the right way.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Richard Bulette made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:13 pm., the motion was seconded by Liam Brohan.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Bulette, Lee, Nielsen,  
Passed. 4-0.

Next meeting March 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
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