

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
November 15, 2022
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, November, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler, Thom Lee and Angelo Stambolis. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney, Director of Parks and Recreation and Residents of Palmer Township and Jeffrey Young, Chairman of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors.

Cheryl Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – August 2022.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of August 2022.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Angelo Stambolis
Passed. 4-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Lee, Keckler, Nielsen, Stambolis

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION

A. McKinney explained that a new township employee by the name of Kent Baird is now the Planning Director who has interesting ideas about grants, and he was going to come to this meeting tonight but had a family emergency. He will crystallize new ideas and has a lot of experience. Lee asked if he feels we are short on completing? Young stated that NORCO is the best way to activate. McKinney stated that there is DCNR grants that may help with improvements on Penn Pump Park. He can also explain the Recreation Contributions. Things

might have been put to bed with Cindy Carmen-Kramer leaving. Discussion occurred on the handouts about the grants. The township can accept a chunk of land in lieu of Recreation funds. Young explained that he wasn't sure if MRP made it to the BOS yet. Wolfs Run is a lot of houses and proposing to pay us fees. Stambolis brought it to everyone's attention that it states that a Bike Path is to be put into the Fox Run Park. Young explained that it is still in Planning and waiting for the bridge to be done on VanBuren and if you continue to Shannon and turn east it is supposed to turn at the creek. McKinney stated that this is what we will be working on in the future. Lee asked if he was understanding correctly that the \$205,000 in lieu of funds is to build the bridge? Young answered that he has to give us the difference. Stambolis asked if the planning commission is recommending this? Lee asked how does the figure come about? Young explained that the money is escrowed from the beginning. Stambolis remarked we have it to hold as a security deposit. Young reiterated that you need a real plan, and someone will come and explain. The Carson Lot has five buildings on it but reduced the size of the buildings, open space, five acres way up there. The BOS approved the piece and zoned commercial. Nielsen asked if the buildings were used? Young explained 92% are filled, fully occupied, some of this was zoned a long time ago, its rubber stamped and already done. Nielsen commented that it looks good, open space and ground cover will help take out pollution, we need open space too. Stambolis agreed. Discussion on Carson occurred. Lee commented that based on the pre-approval of the BOS and reviewing the plans it seems like a good idea for the Carson Lot.

B. Ebikes

McKinney handed out a draft policy on ebikes and reminded everyone of our recommendation to adopt the PA Policy until PA has an adopted policy on ebikes. Nielsen asked when it moves do you have to pedal? Young explained there is different kinds and people are buying kits on Amazon to increase speed and that's a problem.

C. Update on the Youth Center

Lee met with Vic Scmolio last week and did a walk through of the building and discussed what funds were needed. It is a beautiful building that needs more time and more money, he's looking for help. He wanted to see it for the Recreation Board on where it stood and how it would be finished since it will be turned over to Palmer Township. It makes sense as a Recreation Board that we should think about what could be run in the youth center. Discussed different things that could be in the building. Lee continued that it will eventually Palmer Township will be paying for it, so a balance of income is needed. Young stated that there is no consistent communication. Lee stated it is not close to being done and Young responded that Palmer Township completed 100% of the outside.

4. Director's Report
INFORMATION

McKinney stated that the Trick or Treat Trail was a success. McKinney informed that the Tree Lighting is on December 10th at 6:15pm and there will be different things this year. There will be some changes but not at liberty to discuss.

5. New Business
INFORMATION

Young asked if we always ran busses to New York City to see plays before? I think this is a great idea. McKinney informed that the CCCC had a nice response for the Wicked trip last weekend and Hamilton tickets went on sale today for March.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Angelo Stambolis made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:02 pm, the motion was seconded by Tom Lee.

Board Members voting Ayes: Lee, Nielsen, Keckler, Stambolis
Passed. 4-0.

Next meeting December 20, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary