

# PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

January 15, 2019, 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 7:00 pm with the following in attendance: Chair, Cheryl Nielsen, Thom Lee, Vice Chair, Richard Bulette, Keith Horton, Kelly Higgins and Dan McKinney. Liam Brohan was absent.

Nielson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Thom Lee makes a motion to approve the December, 2018 minutes, Keith Horton seconds the motion. Motion carried. Kelly Higgins stated that she would take a look into the November Minutes so they can be approved.

Nielsen asked for a consensus for Reorganization. Discussion occurred. Nielsen nominated Thom Lee as Chairperson, Liam Brohan as Vice-chair and Richard Bulette as Secretary. Keith Horton seconded the motion. Aye – 6. Motion carried.

## **Directors Report and Old Business:**

McKinney – went over what had been discussed prior with the agreement with the Palmer Township Athletic Association (PTAA as described from this moment forward), the suggestion of the PTAA keeping registration money and opening registrations with a 25 percent reduction in Township allocated fees starting with Spring sports.

Nielsen – I read in newspaper about Nazareth opening up registrations to Forks and Palmer residents.

McKinney – They can do that because they are not receiving township/taxpayer funding. The township was told we would receive \$500 for the turf soccer field usage for pre-season tournament. We never received it, only to find out the PTAA had voted it down in a later meeting. This is the type of thing that has to be on paper.

Lee – They dictate. Relationship needs to re-defined. We make suggestions. That's the main reason for a Recreation Board. We should kind of watch where spending is going and make sure properly divided. If the Board of Supervisors is going to always back the AA, then the Recreation Board has no say.

Lee – Taxpayers need to know a little more.

Higgins – A cost breakdown?

Lee – Dan said it needs to be in some format by feeding off the recommendations we gave last year.

Lee – When we make recommendations, we need to send them to all of the Board of Supervisors.

McKinney – This will take place in this room next month, it will be a bit of a negotiation.

Lee – Negotiation on our recommendation?

McKinney – It’s moving, I see more light at the end of the tunnel than I ever have.

Lee – The Board of Supervisors should be sitting up front with us as a unified front.

McKinney – There needs to be an agreement that is approved by the BOS.

Higgins – Any limit to the fields? Taxpayers will have a problem.

McKinney – GLVA wants to run a flag football league but can’t get this group in because I don’t have the PTAA schedules. It’s difficult for them to get schedules ahead of time.

Higgins – Make them accountable, must get a schedule in or they will lose the opportunity.

McKinney – I don’t know when the free time is until they get their schedules in. Again, difficult for them.

Lee – PTAA should recommend what their schedule is. Dan always sets the agenda on what happened in the month, I feel it should be from the people running recreation.

Higgins – PTAA has first choice but if schedule is not in, then it opens up.

McKinney – All things need to be laid out on paper in an agreement approved by the BOS. Then there is not a negotiation every time something comes up.

#### Discussion on Township Responsibilities

- Facility Upkeep.
- Inside concession stand PTAA responsibility
- Donate uniforms and equipment to PTAA. Their responsibility moving forward.

Went over and discussed the handout from December’s meeting, one by one of the proposed responsibilities of both the Township and the PTAA. This list came out of a meeting with Dan McKinney, Bob Smith and 2 PTAA members.

Bulette – We can flip this earlier if they want.

#### **222 Report:**

McKinney - \$80,000 in 2-2-2 – still waiting for Tom Adams with a quote on these bathrooms for the turf field, we picked a structure but still waiting for a quote.

#### **New Business:**

Higgins – In the next couple of months, I will have to decline my seat on the Recreation Board due to the well being of my children, I will be moving and no longer will be a Palmer Township resident.

Nielsen – We will miss you Miss Higgins

**Egg Hunt:**

Nielsen – I have a problem. The people that I contacted at Keystone are not answering my emails or calls so I guess I will be taking a road trip.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Kelly Higgins asks for a motion to adjourn. Rick Bulette seconds the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Brenda Lazarus: Corresponding Secretary

Attachment