

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

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice-Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Thom Lee and Angelo Stambolis. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney and ten residents from Palmer Township.

Liam Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – January 2022.

INFORMATION

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

Motion: Approve, Moved by Angelo Stambolis, Seconded by Cheryl Nielsen
Passed. 4-0.

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Discussion took place on the Recreation contribution. McKinney discussed plans currently under review not if information or to be discussed. Nielsen stated that developer fees without the Recreation Board. McKinney stated that Jeff Young will be a great advocate.

3. New Business

INFORMATION

Brohan welcomed the audience to the Recreation Board Meeting and asked them to state their business. Resident Joel Dean, 38 Edinburgh Drive stated that they would like to see pickleball courts at Fairview Park, Mill Race is packed, and the township needs more pickleball courts and Fairview is the choice. Brohan commented that the tennis courts are relined but it is not the same. He advised everyone that they have been looking at Fairview and now have a quote for keeping one tennis court and adding five pickleball courts and the Recreation Board is looking to take the proposal to the Board of Supervisors. We think it should take approximately 12 months to

execute. Dean replied that he had talked to Dan McKinney about pickleball courts at the Charles Chrin Community Center. McKinney replied that there is no space due to PA regulations. John Fisher, 2646 Hermitage Avenue said it would spread happiness to put lights at Mill Race, but he knows it is expensive. Brohan explained that there have been complaints about noise especially in the morning and that Pickleball is too loud. McKinney explained further that the people that live there consider lights a nuisance. Dean commented that the advantage at Fairview is the lights are already there and the houses are far away. Nielsen educated that there are other tennis courts in the township, also at Brentwood and Wolfs Run. Dean also reported that there was a crack on the courts at Mill Race. Nielsen explained that the basic surface is old. Dean also stated that another upgrade would be at the two doors, it is muddy and does not drain. Linda Geldmacher, 2410 Oakdale Avenue asked if there is going to be a revamp could there be wind guards at Fairview? McKinney educated on the process and explained that this is not a done deal, this is a recommendation board. Nielsen asked if the wind bothers you at Fairview? Geldmacher explained about pickleball wind balls, makes it two different games. Heidi Butler, 800 Maple Lane commented we are grateful for the support and there is definitely an interest because all outside courts are mostly full. Fisher stated there is still people that play tennis. Brohan explained the proposal that the Recreation Board currently has and explained the dollar amount. Larry Butler, 800 Maple Lane, asked about the proposal. Brohan went over the details of the proposal and stated that it would probably be submitted in the next month. Fisher asked why kind of support is needed? Brohan suggested that when it gets put on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors, support would be beneficial. Heidi Butler, 800 Maple Lane, stated that we could get 150 people. Tammy Huk, 51 Carousel Lane, agreed. Fisher stated that there was a group of 65 people when the proposal went before the Board for Mill Race, in two years it is up to 465. McKinney suggested that it would be beneficial to break that number down to Palmer Residents and its in the best interest to have Palmer Residents speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Brohan said that we gladly would take the support. Nielsen stated that it is a service for a group of people that we have not serviced yet. McKinney explained to the audience that the liaison to the Recreation Board from the Board of Supervisors is out of town. Brohan assured everyone that the Recreation Board will work hard for them to push this topic. Everyone in the audience left the meeting after thanking the Recreation Board. Discussion occurred on lighting of Pickleball courts and the chain of command. Brohan questioned on whether we are prepared to take our proposal to the Board of Supervisors? Stambolis pointed out that the drainage issue needed to be taken care of. McKinney stated that it is a huge drainage issue that drains under the tennis court, the bidder on the project pointed it out. Brohan acknowledged that we needed to get an updated proposal, maybe the one we have is outdated. Stambolis questioned about dropping it in Young's lap. Brohan stated that 1. We need to get a new proposal and 2. Get Young on board. McKinney questioned whether something is needed between the courts because they are back-to-back, maybe a fence?

INFORMATION

Angelo Stambolis made a motion to place six pickleball courts and one tennis court at Fairview Park.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Liam Brohan, Seconded by Cheryl Nielsen.
Passed. 3-1.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Nielsen, Stambolis
Board Members voting Nays: Lee

Brohan explained the state of the crack at Mill Race and that it is really bad, if it gets worse, someone will get hurt, need to find the underlying factor? McKinney asked if it is worse than Fairview? Stambolis questioned who looks at things like this and who does the repairs? McKinney stated he will look at it and get our Public Works department involved. Nielsen commented that maybe they need to make it bigger.

4. Director's Report

INFORMATION

McKinney presented a Pool and Camp update and advised the Recreation Board that the Board of Supervisors voted on 3/14/22 to allow seniors, 62 and above free pool passes. Discussion on that decision took place. McKinney advised that camp is happening, some weeks are already full. The camp will be spending a half day at the pool. Nielsen suggested maybe the lap lane gets closed down when overcrowded. Brohan asked about the guest policy and McKinney responded Palmer residents only. McKinney asked for volunteers also for the Miracle League concession stand? Advised he will bring the schedule to the next meeting.

5. Egg Hunt

INFORMATION

McKinney asked for volunteers? Nielsen, Stambolis and Brohan volunteered.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:57 pm, the motion was seconded by Angelo Stambolis.

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

Next meeting April 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary