

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**August 16, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice-Chairman Cheryl Nielsen, Thom Lee and Angelo Stambolis . Also in attendance was Dan McKinney, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jeffrey Young, Chairman of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors.

Liam Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

## **1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### A. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2022

#### INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of July 19, 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

McKinney explained that it is budget time and no requests from the Palmer Athletic Association. Brohan mentioned that they wanted to fix the goal nets that were discussed earlier. Lee stated that he thinks it was taken care of. McKinney explained that the general maintenance is taken care of by us. Money is there in case goals break. Lee said he can reach out to Dave Dumpel, president of the Palmer AA and get a list.

### B. Norco discussion tabled until next month.

## C. E-Bikes

### INFORMATION

McKinney explained that this is a very important topic. Brohan asked what is driving this? McKinney asked if anyone was familiar with e-bikes. The handout that was given out is from the State of Pennsylvania deciding on what to do about e-bikes. What needs to happen is a recommendation about e-bikes? Young explained that e-bikes can go twenty miles an hour but there is a kit you can buy on Amazon that can be bought to make them 30 to 40 miles an hour. He discussed his experience with e-bikes. My concern is someone hitting someone. It is a difficult situation on how you are going to enforce. Brohan stated that adjusting them to go faster should be illegal. Nielsen asked if they are allowed on the roads? Young stated that they can go on bike trails but cannot go more than twenty miles an hour. Stambolis asked what is to stop an e-bike. There is a kinetic pedal that then goes. Young explained that you assist and then pedal and there are other motorized functions. Lee asked if it is possible to post ordinance signs? McKinney asked how should e-bikes be handled in Palmer Township? Brohan suggested we petition the State asking that helmets be required and no boosters. Lee asked if a recommendation is suggested, is someone making a stand. Stambolis asked if bikes are going past going fast while on the bike path, can we regulate their speed? Lee asked if legal needed to be involved? Nielsen asked if we are liable if something happens? Young stated that motorized bikes are not allowed on the bike path. Lee stated that pending further review at this stage that Palmer Township follow the Pennsylvania regulation until further regulations are put out. Stambolis asked if we were not going to allow e-bikes? Nielsen stated that a Senate bill states that they are to be treated as regular bikes. Lee asked if the BOS have the authority and ability to ban e-bikes? Young affirmed that they do have the authority but not the ability to be able to enforce it. Nielsen asked where our trails are used the most? Young explained that our trails are used heavy. The only mandate we have to date is no motorized vehicles. Stambolis confirmed that these are motorized. Nielsen stated in her opinion that they should not be allowed on the bike path or trails. Brohan looked up the state regulations and a discussion occurred.

### INFORMATION

Liam Brohan or the Palmer Township Recreation Board made a recommendation to follow the State of Pennsylvania's guidelines on the definition of E-Bikes and the enforcement of where E-Bikes are allowed. The Recreation Board has agreed to review further recommendations next month.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Angelo Stambolis.  
Passed. 3-1.

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

#### D. Youth Center

### INFORMATION

McKinney reported that he spent time over at the Youth Center and recommends that the Board takes a look. Lee stated when this project was discussed we were to come up with non-traditional ideas for the top floor of the Youth Center. I have a list. McKinney stated he looked at the floor and what kind of floor would work but does not know who is making the decisions? Brohan stated that he thought the floor was going to be hard rubber. Lee stated that kind of floor would not work for dances. McKinney and Stambolis both confirmed that it would work for dances because it is multipurpose. Brohan asked if was going to be done this Fall? McKinney stated no, maybe next Fall. Young educated the Board that Vic Scomillio just got a \$100,000 grant. The outside is done and able to play football, no field house and temporary bathrooms. McKinney commented that the fields look bad and Young answered because the electric was turned off. McKinney informed that the long-range plan is that it will be turned over to the Community Center and will be expected to run it and at that time we will need staff. Young stated that he was advised that clubs were going to run it and the Community Center will oversee it. Brohan asked if Palmer Township has no control or say on what is going to happen? Lee stated that he will be bringing recommendations next month Young asked who furnishes this center: Nielsen said she thought the Palmer AA got money and Young responded for the downstairs.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### INFORMATION

No Public Comment

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### INFORMATION

McKinney reported a pool and camp update. In three more days, the Pool closes and then only open on weekends. Brohan asked if there was a profit? McKinney responded probably a loss. There was a lot of repairs including the roof.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### INFORMATION

Liam Brohan stated that he is formally resigning as the Chairman for the Palmer Township Recreation Board due to moving out of Palmer Township. He stated he would like to say thank you and that it has been a pleasure for all these years. The members of the Recreation Board thanked him for all his hard work. Cheryl Nielsen will be moving into the Chairman position starting in September.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Thom Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm., the motion was seconded by Angelo Stambolis.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
Corresponding Secretary