

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
March 16, 2021
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice-Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Richard Bulette, Darryl Keckler and Thom Lee. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney. Meeting was via Zoom.

Liam Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes – February 2021.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of February 2021.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Rick Bulette
Passed. 5-0.

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Palmer Township Youth Center

INFORMATION

Brohan gave a Youth Center update. Nielsen and Bulette were unable to make the meeting and McKinney was working and the only one in the building so was unable to attend. Lee stated is moving forward. BIP and Kiwanis getting ready to start fund raising. Lee reiterated that Jeff Young stated at the Youth Center meeting that he was surprised how far along it was with no issues. Young is donating his time with help with the 501C3 Board. Lee has been elected to the Board as secretary. Dave Colver is ready and presented a brochure for the Chrin Center to go by to fundraise. Lee stated that as a Recreation Board, we believe that it should be more a Recreation Center than a Sports Center. They are looking for recommendations for the brochure in way of funding. They are trying to make a brochure to present to show for donations. We as the Recreation Board would again look for more than traditional sports. We made recommendation for other

things and that needs to go in the brochure. There is 300,000 ear marked for this building and the money is to be raised by donations. Brohan asked about the designing and Lee answered with the same company that did the Community Center, will be pro bono, very creative to marketing. I think we should make a formal recommendation for what should be in the brochure. Bulette responded with meetings upstairs and Nielsen answered bottom floor for football, wrestling, locker space. Keckler commented that the Kiwanis was adamant about it now being all sports in this building. Lee stated he thinks we should have input, that the Youth Center should be geared 60% non-sports, chess club, esports, etc. Keckler stated that investors should be able to see what they are investing in. Brohan asked Lee to send him the recommendation. McKinney explained the process. The next meeting is on April 1st in person. Brohan stated that there is always a large turnout and Lee stated that Colver is making it happen with good intentions. Lee said he will send Brohan the documentation and the brochure and can decide what you like and do not like, and Lee will take every piece and send it. Brohan stated to everyone that this was a good discussion.

3. New Business
INFORMATION

No new business.

4. Director's Report
INFORMATION

McKinney discussed the pool opening, maybe it will be just Palmer residents, condensed hours. There is a mad dash to get lifeguards. All details are to be determined. Brohan stated that the Covid numbers are trending in the right direction. McKinney continued by explaining that Camp Palmer would not be running but there are different discussions about different sports camps running during the summer by a reputable group. Lee questioned with are they not an advocate of camp, but they are of the pool? McKinney explained that he is an advocate of the pool, it was a township decision, if they have the right realistic attitude about money. Lee brought up the fact that Smith gave a bleak outlook on the budget and laying off employees to recoup costs, so not understanding? Brohan explained that this is a service to the township and what people want, and that this is a transition period. McKinney confirmed that both sides are correct, it is a no win, we will get from all sides, camp is a different story, I think there is another way to go with camp. I have no camp director or counselors. It was just stated that there is a stimulus coming out for municipalities, 2.1 million. Brohan asked if some of that stimulus can be ear marked to bring some of those people back? McKinney answered with the current status it might be mandated. Lee asked what we would do if in two weeks they told us that camp had to run? McKinney responded that there are other ways to run a camp, our process is start with camp at the beginning of the year in January. Lee stated that camp is harder to run than the Pool and the way things have been the past year, everyone will sign their children up. Nielsen commented that you will lose a bunch of children because they

do not do sports. McKinney explained that some of them are all sports camps. Brohan asked if there was any talk of Palmer Days? McKinney answered that no official statement has been made. Camp and Pool decisions will be talked about at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Brohan commented that things are getting back to semi-normal. Bulette stated that he will work on getting people for swimming and lifeguards. McKinney talked about revenue generation. The Community Center is doing better than normal. We are doing good and would do better if we had some more gyms. There has been a turnover in personnel at the Municipal Building, I am currently not getting budget reports so cannot answer budget questions honestly but hopefully soon. A discussion occurred on how the Community Center has changed and how it remains neutral. Brohan asked if there is anything that need to be planned now for next year? McKinney remarked that we could start on budget things. The bigger ticket items are a process to bury into the budget. PTAA should be under the same rules to get things in the budget. Lee asked if there were items to make recommendations for to be put in the budget and how was he handling recommendations from the last meeting? McKinney assured he was handling it. Lee showed his concern that those things from last meeting are getting done. McKinney stated that he will see about getting those things done but the process should be to get it in the budget. Brohan asked if we could do report cards for all the parks and get it into the budget and what about the rest of the parks in the community, not PTAA related. Nielsen stated like a report card telling us what might not have been done and what has been done. McKinney explained as the charter is written, PTAA needs to bring to the Recreation Board in agenda form any capital improvements and they should be made agenda items. Brohan stated an observation that the Pickleball courts are always in use and McKinney explained the process of pickleball courts and the realization of only being used for six months.

5. Egg Hunt

INFORMATION

Nielsen explained that there were comments everywhere on how awful we were that we were not running the Easter Egg Hunt this year. A discussion occurred on how the planning frame is important and the safety of the children is the first and foremost.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Darryl Keckler made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:57 pm, the motion was seconded by Thom Lee.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Bulette, Keckler, Lee, Nielsen,
Passed. 5-0.

Next meeting April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary