

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice-Chairman Cheryl Nielsen, Rick Bulette, and Darryl Keckler. Also in attendance was Dan McKinney, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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

## **1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2021**

#### INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of July 20, 2021.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Rick Bulette.  
Passed. 4-0.

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

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

#### INFORMATION

McKinney explained about the group that attended last month's meeting asking for Fairview to be turned into Pickleball courts. Upon recommendation he met with the guy to look at transitioning them but has no quote yet. He is going to lay out leaving one tennis court and the rest Pickleball courts and secondly all Pickleball courts, described that a drain goes underneath the courts and suggested that it will have to be ripped it out and started new. We have a girl that teaches Pickleball for the Community Center. The social organization in the area is over 300. McKinney went on to explain that there was a guy coming into rent and teach at the Community Center. Keckler explained that the age range is huge, kids to middle age to older, age is so diverse. Brohan commented it is an ideal recreation. McKinney commented he is waiting on the estimate, once that is received, The Recreation Board, Pickleball and the guy that did the estimate can go to the Board of Supervisor's meeting and that's if

the Recreation Board wants to get behind it. Palmer people would speak at the meetings and introduce a new population. Brohan stated that he went to Fairview and the tennis courts are all cracked, and the lines are not definitive. It doesn't look like it's getting used and is wasted space, maybe looking and leaning to keeping one tennis court. Nielsen stated that Louse Moore Park has beautiful tennis courts and Brohan stated that Forks does too. McKinney explained that we use sign up genius for the courts at the Community Center for crowd control, but something has to be done. Nielsen stated Pickleball is here for the long run. Keckler commented that Fairview is the perfect spot, has lights, kids are running around, the basketball courts for kids, bigger playground and then the courts. Brohan stated that then there would be one in the north of the township and one in the south. Brohan continued to explain that he went to Fairview because he couldn't get on at Mill Race and asked if was the same guy that did Mill Race? McKinney responded, yes and that he is a Palmer resident. Brohan commented that the next thing will be tournaments. McKinney stated it has already started and with that we need to put a glass sign up in order to post. Brohan explained that there are three signs on the fence now and Pickleball is popular because all ages can play. McKinney responded that is the up-and-coming thing. Bullette commented that he sees it in Florida, started about four years ago, people coming from all over to play, it is also at LBI. McKinney stated that waiting for the estimate and if a go, take it to the Board of Supervisors. Brohan asked about the general Youth Center Meeting. McKinney responded that it took place last month and still raising money and that it will probably have to be run by us. Brohan questioned whether non-profit gets discounts and McKinney responded always negotiable. There is seating for eighty but where is everything being stored? Nielsen asked if there were any thoughts about putting benches around the walking path or fitness stations. Keckler responded that it seems to be a waste, only saw people use in Forks. A discussion then occurred about the gardens at the Community Center and being next to the highway.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### INFORMATION

No Public Comment

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

#### INFORMATION

McKinney reported that the Pool is doing good, great bunch of lifeguards, they had five saves, the pool is closed this week and next , open on weekends. It will lose money. Bullette commented that a great swim tournament was held at the Pool, talked about the lightning strike that affected the pool. Keckler directed towards McKinney asking if he was glad, he opened? McKinney responded that

he is always glad we open it but would have liked to have had more time beforehand. Nielsen asked if for next year would you open up to Palmer residents first to a certain date and then maybe in July open up to non-residents? McKinney stated that is was something like that this year, non-resident rates were \$475.00, we got ten families and had no problems. Nielsen stated that it is a different attitude when you are paying that much. Brohan commented that it must be the right balance , no problems. Nielsen asked you will lose money? McKinney responded yes with repairs. Nielsen asked if camp would be running next year? McKinney responded with a younger crowd.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### INFORMATION

No new business.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm., the motion was seconded by Rick Bulette.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Bulette, Keckler, Nielsen  
Passed. 4-0.

Next meeting September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
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