

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
September 17, 2019
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Thom Lee, Vice-Chairman Liam Brohan, Members Richard Bulette, Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler and Dan McKinney joined the meeting at 7:20.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2019.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of August 20, 2019

Nielsen suggested that the minutes be amended in reference to August's New Business discussion about not having summer meetings. The amendment should read: The responsibilities of the Recreation Board have diminished, greatly due to the hiring of a Parks and Recreation Director who has taken over the majority of the responsibilities. Changes will be made and minutes are approved.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Liam Brohan
Passed. 5-0.

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Palmer Township Athletic Association

INFORMATION

Lee opened the meeting regarding the PTAA agreement stating there was no new news. There were questions at the last meeting and people were wondering about the progress of the PTAA agreement and stated it should be early October. We will draft a formal request for a follow-up to see if our services are requested. There were questions as to whether it was on the agenda for the October meeting and if there is a need for additional support from the Recreation Board.

DISCUSSION

Nielsen asked whether we knew the new township manager's ideas on the PTAA independence. Lee stated that they needed a recommendation from us and now it is up to the Board of Supervisors. Brohan asked if there was any update on the status of the 501C3? Keckler asked for clarification on the budget and if it's not done by October, then it won't be done? Lee clarified, if not now, it will be a year from now.

A new discussion opened about volunteering at the Miracle League concession stand. Lee and Bulette stated that they will not be able to make it that weekend and Nielsen stated she will be late. Brohan stated he will be there.

A new discussion about Pickleball courts on the asphalt pad at Mill Race. Keckler explained that the asphalt is in good condition. McKinney joined the meeting and explained that they don't need nets, nothing would be permanent. He was approached about having six courts at Fairview so he suggested Mill Race and the group measured it out and liked it. They said they can get four courts out of it. Liam questioned whether it would have to be resurfaced and McKinney answered he didn't think so. Lee suggested we make a recommendation to check out the cost and then we can recommend moving forward. McKinney commented he thinks the cost would be minimal and Keckler commented that there is a decent gap between the asphalt and the parking lot.

McKinney stated he brought up the issue of the PTAA at his budget meeting and he cut 33 percent of their funding and he will put it back in if told to.

3. Director's Report

INFORMATION

McKinney stated the bathroom is progressing and should be done in October but don't think it will be functional under Spring. The western entrance is open and functional. The sod field looks good, irrigation system still has issues.

4. Egg Hunt

INFORMATION

Nielsen stated that there was nothing to report.

5. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Brohan had questions about Penn Pump Park, stated he goes there all the time and is concerned about the abandoned old building across from Penn Pump Park and is just full of trash. There are tractor trailers with their back doors open and is concerned about children climbing into them and that people were possibly living there. McKinney stated this fell under the township's code office. Lee stated that this is a safety issue because children play in the park and it runs by the bike path.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Rick Bulette made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:32 pm., the motion was seconded by Cheryl Nielsen.

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

Next meeting October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary