

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
January 18, 2022
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Members Thom Lee and Angelo Stambolis. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney and Board of Supervisor member Jeff Young.

Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 2021.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of October 19, 2021

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Thom Lee.
Passed. 4-0.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Member
INFORMATION

Angelo Stambolis was introduced to the Recreation Board as the newest member. He was welcomed by the Board and asked to tell a little about himself. Stambolis proceeded by stating that he bought a house in Palmer in 2019 and moved in in 2020 from Brooklyn, NY. He has two boys that attend Notre Dame High School. He is an Electrical contractor and volunteers with soccer leagues and is a Director of Safety. Brohan welcomed Stambolis and welcomed Jeff who is now the Chair of the Board for Palmer Township and our new liaison to the Recreation Board. Young explained his background and stated he sold his accounting business in 2016 and now is full time with Suburban EMS. His children came up through Palmer's Recreation program. Brohan commented that he had twenty years in the Recreation program since 1990 and on the Recreation Board for six to seven years. Brohan explained that this Recreation Board is an advisory board, and we

work closely with the Recreation fund and advise where it should go, we were influential on the Pool and the Turf field. Lee acknowledged that he and Stambolis had spoken before the meeting. McKinney introduced himself as the Director of parks and Recreation for Palmer Township and he does the research and executes the ideas. Nielsen stated that she has been a Palmer resident since 1951 and has a grown daughter that grew up with the Recreation program in Palmer. McKinney asked Young to explain the liaison roll and Young explained that he hears what's going on and what is needed and helps get it up the line to the proper people. He feels that the Recreation Board is underutilized. Lee expressed that this Recreation Board is a pretty dynamic board, different areas and backgrounds. He doesn't think when it came to the Palmer Township Athletic Association transition that it was brought forth about the financing and recommendations and was very discouraging. We are an advisory board to recommend to the Board of Supervisors so they can vote accurately. He just wanted to relay his thoughts. Brohan asked what is the formal recommendation process in order to improve communication? Young stated that he is learning as he goes, nothing was being talked about from here. McKinney commented that the Turf field was AA centered and Palmer isn't just kids. Young expressed that he only saw the Comprehensive Plan when it was updated and it is a great plan, moving forward because people are doing it around us. The world is more than the AA, it is a great Recreation plan with bike paths, etc. McKinney related that Cyndi Carman-Kramer does send things that come but communication sometimes gets lost. Discussion was tabled. Reorganization of the Recreation Board stands for one more year.

3. Old Business

A. Youth Center Update

INFORMATION

Brohan announced that construction was well underway, and that Dave Colver was still involved. Fundraising has really picked up and that everything is on track. McKinney expressed that it is very important that the Recreation Board is kept up to date on the Youth Center especially when it comes to managing. Lee recommends that as it gets closer there should be a recommendation on how it is to be run. McKinney disclosed that there is no Board of Supervisor representative now for the Youth Center and was wondering how that's going to be handled? Young explained the Youth Center dynamics to Stambolis.

B. Fairview Pickleball Proposal

INFORMATION

Both proposals were presented to the Board. Brohan explained about keeping at least one tennis court and six pickleball courts and explained that this has been discussed before. Discussion on the proposal occurred, looking at diagrams and details on Mill Race as well. On the proposal there is twelve feet between courts and Lee commented that it is probably recommended but asked McKinney to talk to the designer about the twelve feet, that it couldn't hurt to ask the question. Young asked if the Recreation Board wants this to go forward and Brohan responded not until we get questions answered.

C. Palmer Township Athletic Association

INFORMATION

Brohan reiterated the Athletic Associations request from October and touched again on when their requests must be made.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

McKinney stated that the Tree Lighting went well and about 300 to 400 people attended. Young asked if anyone had seen the Palmerton Tree Lighting and told everyone that we would be happy hear new ideas. Discussion occurred on ideas for the Tree Lighting. McKinney announced that Camp Palmer is happening, that it is being downsized, taking First grade through Fifth grade and 70 campers. We are currently looking for camp counselors. Brohan asked about the Pool and its limitations this year? McKinney responded Residents one price, Non-Residents another price and Day Passes are only available to Palmer Residents. Brohan also asked about the maintenance and McKinney responded that it needs a new roof, and we will see what happens when the cover comes off. McKinney touched base on the Recreation Capital Reserve stating that there is \$858,312 in the fund. McKinney was asked how it is spent and he said he was waiting for that information. Brohan questioned what else is coming into that fund? Young stated that he will look into this and Brohan suggested that we do a thorough review and Lee commented that this way we can be accurate when recommending. Young explained that developers put into a developer fund a percentage depending on the size and Tax Real Estate Mileage also puts a percentage into the Recreation Fund. McKinney questioned the funds and a discussion occurred on budgeted items.

5. Egg Hunt

INFORMATION

Brohan asked Nielsen about the Egg Hunt and she stated that she is not in charge. McKinney responded that is not so. We need recommendations. We are splitting into two hunts this year because of complaints that people could not be in two places at one time with different age children. Discussion occurred about buying filled Easter eggs this year due to Covid and explained that the Princess and the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance this year. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of prize eggs, prizes are per age group, one big and twelve small and Nielsen explained the candy process from Center City Wholesale. She divulged that there were 3000 eggs per age group.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Thom Lee made a motion to convene the meeting at 8:20 pm, the motion was seconded by Cheryl Nielsen.

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

Next meeting February 15, 2022 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary