

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
August 18, 2020
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: President Thom Lee, Vice-Chairman Liam Brohan via Zoom, Rick Bulette, Cheryl Nielsen via Zoom, and Darryl Keckler. Also, in attendance: Dan McKinney

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2020

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of July 21, 2020.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Rick Bulette, Seconded by Liam Brohan.
Passed. 4-0.

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

Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Field House/Youth Center

INFORMATION

Brohan went over what he showed at the last meeting and stated that they wanted to break ground on November 21, 2021 and completion would be in 2022. He also explained that they were submitting for a new board, an organizing board, getting nonprofit money to nonprofit. Lee explained that in order to get money, it needs to be organized. Brohan commented that they are creating their own nonprofit 501C. Lee with explanation of the PTAA, doesn't it take two years? Brohan stated that they are confident six months. Lee asked what the name of would be this nonprofit and Brohan stated Palmer Kiwanis BIP Youth Center but will check for sure, intent is to file with that. Lee questioned that the Kiwanis will have representation, and should there be two from the Recreation Board and two from the AA? Liam asked Lee if he got an email asking

him to be part of the board and that they want both of us, Brohan and Lee to be part of the board? Lee stated that in their first meeting that is was very evident that the Kiwanis didn't want this to be a sports complex and wanted us to make recommendations. Liam reconfirmed that the first floor is football, wrestling, and cheerleading. Second floor is miscellaneous, card club, clubs, etc., could be used for end of year banquets. In every meeting was talked about events and setups, multifaced complex. Brohan also stated that the AA wanted to do a joint meeting with the Recreation Board. There was discussion about presenting the Youth Center. Lee suggested that we add them to the agenda for our next meeting and would like to see if the PTAA can attend our meeting on September 15th?

INFORMATION

Daryl Keckler made a to invite the Palmer Township Athletic Association to the Recreation Board's next meeting on September 15th.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Daryl Keckler, Seconded by Thom Lee.
Passed. 5-0.

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

McKinney wanted to point out that all the people are putting their presentation together, not just the PTAA. The Recreation Board should be heard about the Youth Center. Lee commented if they take our recommendations to heart, that would be great and then asked if there were any more questions? Everyone agreed no.

B. Pickleball Courts at Mill Race

McKinney stated that the Pickleball Courts are on their way. Fence is already done, and everything should be functional in September 2020.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

McKinney presented the Directors Report. He stated that the bathroom was done at the Turf Field and the Sod Field is done. The geese guy must come back and irrigation issues still. There will be a soccer tournament over Labor Day weekend. The Pool season went well, once opened, it was the easiest season we've had, and the season is starting to rap up. It was not a good financial situation for us or the township. Keckler commented that it was a great way to move forward and take a chance. McKinney commented how the new pool manager did an outstanding job and that next year everything will be re-evaluated. Brohan stated that the basketball courts are an eye sore and looks like a dump, could it be expanded? McKinney stated that they added asphalt. Lee asked is there anything out back that could help

the campers? McKinney explained that there will be some changes with camp, age range is too high and looking to expand Keckler camps. Lee stated if the space is there, why not make recommendations. McKinney went on to state that the Community Center has been open for almost two months. Fitness is less attended governed by the 25 or less indoor. Turf Field is renting and the Before Care/After Care program will be a challenge and we don't have the resources for an All-Day Day Care. Brohan asked about the tropical storm damages and Mill Race and Penn Pump under water, also about Riverview's fishing pier under water? McKinney explained that it was an unheard amount of water in a short amount of time, and no sewer damage. Rentals went back in this past weekend. Brohan restated that there was no real out of pocket damages or expenses.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park View Estates

INFORMATION

McKinney brought this to the Recreation Board as official township business that came from the Planning Commission. He explained that this the final subdivision, Phase 8 and provided everyone with a handout of the plan. He continued explaining that this is 3.084 acres of open space containing existing bike path which ends in Tatamy and does not meet. McKinney read the requirements for the recreation board. Brohan stated that he is familiar with this because he lives in this area and stated it is because it's a hill with too much slope. Brohan explained the bike path and how nobody uses it and recommended the decision to accept it. McKinney asked if there was any benefit of the township having that part of the bike path. Brohan answered no. It goes nowhere, no real value for that piece. Lee stated that for 31 new lots it would be 46500. Brohan responded only if the township wants it. McKinney stated the priority is 1) 46 grand or 2) give or take the property?

Cheryl Nielsen joined the meeting.

Lee went over the planning commission proposal, 200-yard bike path going nowhere, one end on the street, one end goes to Tatamy Hill and goes nowhere. Keckler made a motion.

INFORMATION

Daryl Keckler made a motion that all in favor of recommending the dedication of the proposed open space but not in lieu of the recreation fee.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Daryl Keckler, Seconded by Rick Bulette.
Passed. 5-0.

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

McKinney will direct to Cyndi Carmen from the Planning Commission

B. Recreation Plan Approvals

McKinney explained that it has been a three-year process of the cleanup of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Now is the time to change it. He passed around the legal changes to the Plan. Lee explained to Keckler, because it was before he was on the Board, that they hired a consulting firm to make a proposal for a ten-year plan for each park and open space. They did a great job and we adopted that plan as a board. The Recreation Board helped to prioritize things. Lee stated we made a list for the township to consider. McKinney explained some of the prioritizations were that the remodeling of the bathrooms at Penn Pump, fix things, park structure, ADA, etc. Lee explained that the Recreation Board prioritized importance, recommendation sheets and the plan to be written correctly, wording should match what should be done. McKinney stated that the wording would make it legal. Brohan observed that the Chrin fields are not in the plan and Lee explained at that time, they were looking but not a priority for the center because of being township owned.

INFORMATION

Daryl Keckler made a motion to accept written changes as written that were presented to the Recreation Board.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Daryl Keckler, Seconded by Liam Brohan.
Passed. 5-0.

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

Nielsen asked if they were going to change the pictures because so gray and looked like they were taken on a rainy day. Brohan responded no.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:03 pm., the motion was seconded by Liam Brohan.

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

Next meeting September 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary