

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
July 19, 2022
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Liam Brohan, Chairman, Vice-Chairman Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler and Angelo Stambolis. Also in attendance was Dan McKinney, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jeffrey Young, Chairman of the Palmer Board of Supervisors.

Liam Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2022

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of June 21, 2022.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Liam Brohan.
Passed. 4-0.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION

A. Youth Center

McKinney discussed the PTAA football changes, the football team and the outside construction competition. The football program agreed to practice down below on Field 7 and 8 in order for the construction to be wrapped up outside. Young stated that this was news to him. Nielsen questioned if they were going to use pads? McKinney confirmed they start the beginning of August. Brohan

stated that the first exhibition is August 20th and asked if the spectator stand would be ready? McKinney stated that he can't really speak on that we just don't want people walking over bricks. Young confirmed that we need power, water and heat. McKinney confirmed water is done but more cleanup to be done. Brohan questioned if everything is on track? McKinney answered to play on the outside.

B. Budget

McKinney mentioned that this is Budget Time and we notoriously get lost in the budget shuffle, things I know need to happen and the needs. If there is something you think needs to be in the budget, I would need by next meeting. Brohan brought up the Pickleball Courts at Fairview to make sure it is in the budget. Young confirmed that the Board of Supervisors is aware of the Fairview Pickleball Courts. Brohan asked if the money was in the budget for Fairview. Young confirmed \$150,000. McKinney informed the board that he and Tom Adams, Palmer Township Engineer went to Mill Race to inspect the crack and thought the crack would have been bigger. The plan would be to have a yearly maintenance starting next year and maybe put turf outside the gates. Stambolis questioned the water at Fairview and confirmed it would be one tennis court and 6 Pickleball courts. McKinney answered that it is the pitch of the court and the guy promised it would not change the price. Brohan asked if we thought losing the tennis courts will upset people? Keckler said we need to pick our battles and right now Pickleball is more aggressive. Nielsen stated even kids are playing. Young stated there are tennis courts at the Pool and at Old Orchard. Keckler stated that you rarely see anyone playing tennis, but the Pickleball courts are always filled. McKinney commented that there is minimal fencing work at Fairview. Young stated that there is 4X4 steel lights at Fairview, one fell and should be more important than fencing. McKinney stated that the lighting was changed about four years ago and they are super nice.

4. Director's Report

INFORMATION

McKinney announced that Wrestling will be back down here at the Community Center this year. Upstairs at the Youth Center will be last completed. He said that someone reached out about the floors and he advised that the floors should be multipurpose, real dense rubber and have a quote for that. The AA will love this floor. Nielsen stated that she thought the AA was not to use the second floor at all. Young advised that Victor Scomillio is the liaison to the Board of Supervisors for the Youth Center. Young explained that the agreement with the AA is a 4-year plan, trade off was to set up a Youth Recreation Fund and it would sit there, we are borrowing from that and then will reimburse. Keckler stated that the Recreation Board did not see the itemized list, line by line. Young asked the secretary that this list be obtained and sent out to all the Recreation Board members. Brohan stated that things are progressing nicely. McKinney reiterated that there is still a lot to be done. Young commented that there are no lights to

the parking lot or batting cages, and we only want to do this once and not have to go back and fix it. The concession stand can operate with propane if electric not finished. McKinney stated that there is a lot of questions to be answered and heard that there is some possibility that the Recreation Board could have input. Nielsen asked if tables and chairs were budgeted and confirmed that the AA received money from Lehigh Valley Health Network for the scoreboard and some equipment. Brohan recalled that there is storage and a kitchen on the second floor. McKinney explained that we are trying to have a Trick or Treat Trail so if you know anyone that would like to participate it will be in the upcoming newsletter. We are also running a Wicked bus trip on November 12th. Tree Lightening is on December 10th. Camp Palmer is half over and doing great with a new staff. The Pool will be closing on August 22nd and then opening on the weekends, staff will be going back to school. McKinney went over the memberships for Palmer Pool. Brohan questioned if the free senior membership would continue? McKinney commented that it is a tough thing to take back and Young agreed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, the motion was seconded by Darryl Keckler.

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

Next meeting August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary