

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**January 19, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Thom Lee, Vice Chair Liam Brohan, Members Darryl Keckler and Cheryl Nielsen. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney.

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

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes – November 2020.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of November 17, 2020

Motion: Approve, Moved by Liam Brohan, Seconded by Thom Lee.  
Passed. 4-0.

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

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Youth Center Meeting via Zoom on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

INFORMATION

McKinney asked if anyone got an email about the meeting. Brohan and Lee confirmed they received the email. Lee offered to forward the invite if anyone wanted it.

### **3. Director's Report INFORMATION**

McKinney offered to share the State of the Union of the Township. Numerous layoffs today because of finances due to COVID. It has not been a good year financially which led to the layoffs. All the part time people at the Community Center were let go in December. Dan explained that he lost two of his full-time staff and one of those people will be filling in some holes at the Municipal Building. There are now three of us at the CCCC to keep things going. We had to cancel some programs and condense hours. We kept Fitness, leaving the opportunity for Seniors. There has been no COVID diagnosis at the Community Center but have had some numbers in the township. Rough times in Palmer Township, I feel for all these people. Currently, almost all decisions are about money. If there are any questions I can expand. Lee questioned the programs not running. McKinney explained the ratio of 10% capacity unless it is Fitness which is 50%. Many changes were due to capacity issues. We have some programs: Fitness, PTAA, couple gym rentals. What saved us is the Turf Field if it doesn't snow. Brohan questioned if there was anything else in the Township effected? McKinney elaborated that it has had an impact everywhere. All capital projects have been put on hold until we regain footing. The word out of the Township Administration is that there will not be an Egg Hunt. The Camp and Pool openings are also on hold. The pool was a financial loss last year. \$100,000 was lost when not selling day passes and no non-residents and this has put us in a precarious spot. It takes five months to get the pool and camp up and running. He confirmed with Nielsen that the planning would have started long ago for the Egg Hunt. Last year we lost \$4000 on the Egg Hunt, \$10,000 on camp and we need to be out ahead of this as those are big programs. We stopped our Before and After Care Program which is big revenue for the Community Center. Numbers were so far down because of Easton School District going to school only two days a week. Lee stated we can give our opinion, but they should give a deadline date for the decisions to be made on these programs, it cannot be May 1<sup>st</sup> for the Pool. McKinney commented that if we say we are starting in May, our staff will already have plans or other jobs. Lee made the observation that whether it is 800 people or 20 people, the cost of running the pool is the same. McKinney explained that the Red Cross waived the recertifications last year but they are not doing it this year. It would be the same as last year, we will be losing money. Brohan commented that this will play out on how the vaccine is rolled out and there was discussion on the vaccine. Lee asked if there is anything as the Recreation Board that they can do to help.

#### **4. Egg Hunt** INFORMATION

This group can talk about the Egg Hunt. Nielsen explained about youth soccer with her family and seeing how things work. Kids scramble and parents act, I would not want to be the organizer. People are all over each other, people won't stay six feet apart. Brohan asked if anything had been ordered for the Egg Hunt? Not this year, last year we ordered in December for April and in March it blew apart. McKinney stated that hopefully the decision is made now to avoid last year's expenses. Just like the pool, we would have to fire up the pumps to circulate the pool, can't let it set for a whole year. Lee stated that he thought it would be a good idea to cancel the Egg Hunt.

#### INFORMATION

Thom Lee made a motion to officially cancel the Egg Hunt for 2021 during this Pandemic for safety issues and look forward to having one next year.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Darryl Keckler.  
Passed. 4-0.

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

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS** INFORMATION

McKinney stated that Reorganization of Board Members is always done in January.

Lee stated that it has been two years as Chair and would like to take this opportunity to nominate Liam Brohan for the next two years as Chair.

#### INFORMATION

Thom Lee made a motion to nominate Liam Brohan as Chair of the Palmer Township Recreation Board

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

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

Nielsen commented to Brohan, "I think you will do a fantastic job, good luck."

Lee asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary.

### INFORMATION

There were two nominations made, one for Cheryl Nielson and one for Darryl Keckler for Vice Chair. Darryl Keckler made a motion to nominate Cheryl Nielsen as Vice Chair of the Palmer Township Recreation Board.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Darryl Keckler, Seconded by Liam Brohan.  
Passed. 4-0.

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

### INFORMATION

Liam Brohan made a motion to nominate Darryl Keckler as Secretary of the Palmer Township Recreation Board

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

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

New organizational chart will be presented at the next meeting and forwarded up to Palmer Township for the Website

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Lee offered McKinney if he needed any volunteers for programs or senior programs, if there was anything anyone could do to help. Lee thanked everyone for letting him be their president, I appreciate it.

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:39 pm., the motion was seconded by Darryl Keckler.

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

Next meeting February 16, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
Corresponding Secretary