

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Liam Brohan, Vice-Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler and Thom Lee. Also, in attendance was Dan McKinney. Meeting was via Zoom.

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

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 2021.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of March 2021.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Darryl Keckler  
Passed. 3-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Keckler, Nielsen

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Palmer Township Youth Center

INFORMATION

Brohan gave a Youth Center update and stated he sent out a brochure to see if any changes needed to be made. Keckler commented he thought it looked really good. Brohan stated he sat through the meeting and went over the details from that meeting. He thought it was very well done. There were a couple spots they wanted verbiage. McKinney stated that it looked great, typical capital campaign, it was good stuff. Brohan asked if the Recreation Board wanted to contribute and directed to email appropriate thoughts, then collect feedback and then pull it together.

**3. New Business**

INFORMATION

No new business.

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

McKinney stated the pool is opening, explained scheduling, closed Mondays, hours are 12:00pm to 7:00pm, Palmer Residents only, this year will have day passes. We are now working on staff, in the township newsletters, all townships and municipalities are having difficulties but doing okay. Brohan asked if the season would be from Memorial Day to Labor Day, McKinney confirmed that was correct. He went on to explain no summer camp but working with Keckler camps. Everyone is hungry to do something so a heavy interest. Nielsen asked where do you sign up? McKinney explained all the places that were available. He also explained the CCCC weekend events that are coming up. Also explained that we are facing demand that we haven't had in the past. Merchants Square Mall shut down, so we are getting a lot of their people who ran events out of there, toy shows, slot car shows, etc. The Community Center is in the black with only 3 staff members. Brohan questioned if there was any college interest for the multi-purpose fields or if it was just high school? McKinney explained that this coming Saturday Penn State is playing a small tournament, all branch campuses. Brohan asked if the Sod Field is being used? McKinney answered that Hummer Turf Specialist called with problems and cannot fully use. Thom Lee entered the meeting at 7:20pm and caught him up to date. Brohan asked to add an item to next month's agenda, a report card for the fields. McKinney explained that Chuck reviewed the letter and discussed a shoot for the stars and to view what is realistic. McKinney stated he is youth sports guided, stuff like this is not budgeted, for AA improvements someone would have to do the research for how much is the cost and it is a process. It should be some sort of record and the appropriate cost if it is available and how it can be put towards the goal. Brohan states that requests are great but how do we come up with the cost? McKinney explains what happens next, there is a process, Chuck is aware of it, the easy part is to request. Brohan comments that this is a good first step. A document to work off, here are the recommendations to work off, also stated that Pickleball is crazy at Mill Race, we need more. McKinney explained 45,000 with pavement already there. Lee stated that to respond to this letter, we are encouraged to review all requests but should be given a wish list but also give us a budgetary number. We could indicate that we appreciate it, but all requests must include a budgetary request as well to be able to make a formal recommendation. McKinney explained that these requests would need an engineer. Brohan said he does not know if the PTAA can do it. Keckler suggested that they can come up with something approximate. Brohan's thought is that the BOS should come up with the cost. McKinney explained that the Township has one Engineer, Tom Adams, he puts together the cost of a project then presents it to the BOS to review details. Lee states that is if the BOS takes the request seriously. We took this

request from the PTAA and we feel it has merit. McKinney explains that the PTAA has a lot of resources, they know what sport they are crazy about, maybe there is an engineer among the PTAA. Lee stated that Chuck is a smart guy, and he is throwing things on the wall to see what can be done. Brohan questioned the merit? McKinney thinks it is okay to ask for it to be just fixed. We did explain the budget process to him, they did get it to us, this big capital stuff is a whole different matter, we need budgetary information. Brohan stated the whole process needs to be documented, along with the finalization process. Discussion occurred about the report card and recommendation improvements. Lee questioned who received their request? McKinney explained the request and suggested the next meeting to meet in person and for Chuck to be there, to get him in the room. Brohan asked if everyone felt comfortable to move to in person meetings. Everyone agreed so he announced until further notice it would be in person meetings. Lee asked if we planned on responding to Chuck about what he sent to you? McKinney confirmed he will and better for him to be there. The budget process was again explained. It begins in September but need to have in August. Brohan stated he hoped to bring the process together. McKinney also explained that he will need answers from people above him. Brohan stated we need official requests by August. Keckler discussed the Pickleball Courts and asked if there has been any discussion for a new Turf Field, it is fantastic. McKinney explained that the Turf Field that we have now has no spillage of lights, ten steps off the field and you are standing in the dark. No discussion on a new Turf Field. Lee stated if he recalls, sod field is half owned by Bethlehem Township and residents did not want lighting. McKinney confirmed that Bethlehem Township does not own that property and the sod field cannot be lit and the surface is a problem. Brohan questioned where we could put another Turf Field and McKinney responded over where the three baseball fields are on the other side of the bathroom. It would be multipurpose and would get so much use for everything and longer use in the year. Palmer uses the one we have now half the time.

**5. Egg Hunt**  
**INFORMATION**  
No discussion.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Darryl Keckler made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:51 pm, the motion was seconded by Liam Brohan.

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

Next meeting May18, 2021 at 7:00 pm in person

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
Corresponding Secretary