

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
August 20, 2019
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Thom Lee, Vice-Chairman Liam Brohan, Members Richard Bulette, Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler and Dan McKinney.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2019.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of June 18, 2019.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Liam Brohan, Seconded by Cheryl Nielsen
Passed. 5-0.

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

Lee opened the meeting regarding the new board member, stating that we would like to welcome Darryl Keckler, we value your opinions and that you are in the field. Nielson thanked Keckler for volunteering. Lee explained that feedback by Dan drives the agenda. Our goal is to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors where money should be spent.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Palmer Township Athletic Association

INFORMATION

Lee acknowledged that there was no meeting last month (July) and reviewed the minutes about the formal Palmer Township Athletic Association recommendations. The Recreation Board members are looking for an update on the PTAA recommendations and asked if the members agree to drafting a letter to Dave Colver to push the agenda and to let us know so we can attend. Bob Smith and Bob Williams are asking for an update. Discussion occurred.

3. Director's Report **INFORMATION**

Dan McKinney announced that the pool is closing soon, financially there was more family memberships, less walk-ins. We had to fix stuff that wasn't anticipated, probably lose \$5000. Camp is over, lost money, less kids, had to eliminate an entire week because of school being extended. Brohan commented on how nice the pool was, he had attended and commented that camp is probably trending down, like Palmer Days. McKinney explained that we see peaks and valleys with camp, very problem free, maybe going ages five to eleven next year, it is being evaluated. McKinney moved on with information about the Miracle League. Their opening day is September 7th, offered the board to pitch in at the Concession Stand. Keckler stated that teams usually volunteer at some games. The Board looked at a schedule, there was discussion about September 21st. McKinney discussed the turf field, now has earned \$45,000, will hit low 50's this year. Brohan asked if they are banking the main money for the need of maintenance and McKinney answered beginning next year. Keckler asked if we have a snow plow for the winter for the turf field? McKinney answered that we do not, minimal demand during the winter season. Nielsen questioned whether the money received this year goes into the Community Center budget? McKinney explained it is a line item, it wasn't in the budget this year, it will be taken care of in next year's budget and went onto explain that the turf field is in huge demand. T3 Lacrosse has been huge for us this year. McKinney announced that the sod field is gorgeous, and the decision was made by the Board of Supervisors not to have anyone on it until 2020, use all of it for the first year, then rotate and rest part of it. Brohan asked if the new entrance was opened and McKinney explained that some PennDot things needed to be taken care of. Bulette commented that making a left out of the entrance might be a concern. McKinney restated about the restructure of the Recreation Board, from seven members to five members, it went to the Board of Supervisors to make sure that it was okay with the Municipality, Dan stated that he sent Bob Williams, the Township Manager the 1933 Act 69, stating that it was okay. McKinney updated on the bathroom progress at the Turf Field. They had to move ten feet to the right due to the walking path, it is not centered. Construction has started, he described a new software out there that allows phones to open bathrooms. The Board went over the layout for the bathroom. McKinney explained the Budget Process in the Township and how it sneaks up and happens quickly, it covers where this year ends and what's needed for next year. McKinney explained that his budget is mostly set in stone, October begins the discussions and November the budget is voted in. McKinney explained that Scott Kistler is more in the field and knows what is needed to be fixed, replaced and playground maintenance, they have a schedule and it is too late for this year. Lee commented that the Recreation Board is for recommendations for these

things and budgets need to be considered and let's be mindful of June being our cut off.

4. Egg Hunt Review INFORMATION

Nielsen explained that she needs money and people, she has talked to the Boy Scouts at St. Paul, boys and girls, chance to work in leadership by helping with the Egg Hunt. Lee questioned with whether she has been in contact with the Township Manager, he wants to be involved. She stated no, we basically need people the day of the Egg Hunt. McKinney spoke up and stated the Community Center would be involved. Nielsen stated that the Community Center was a great help, they just didn't know the proper way. April 10th is the 2020 Egg Hunt date.

5. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

Brohan wanted to acknowledge that Palmer Days was excellent, great music and a nice time.

Lee brought up Nielsen's suggestion of last year about not having summer meetings and asked for thoughts?

DISCUSSION

Nielsen stated December too. The responsibilities of the Recreation Board have diminished, greatly due to the hiring of a Parks and Recreation Director who has taken over the majority of the responsibilities. Brohan stated that we did meet last July and August.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:49 pm., the motion was seconded by Richard Bulette.

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

Next meeting September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary