

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
July 21, 2020
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Vice-Chairman Liam Brohan, Cheryl Nielsen, and Darryl Keckler.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2020

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of February 18, 2020.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Liam Brohan, Seconded by Darryl Keckler.
Passed. 3-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Nielsen, Keckler.

Brohan called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Field House/Youth Center

INFORMATION

Brohan showed slides of the new Fieldhouse and stated things are progressing. There is some small zoning things that need to be done. Discussion occurred. Nielsen questioned about bathrooms for the fieldhouse. Brohan responded that there will be inside and outside bathrooms. Nielsen asked if the building was going to be torn down and started over. Brohan stated that yes, it was being started over. He continued explaining that they were starting next week to roll things out – August 19th – final drawings out to the public – November 20, 2021 – breaking ground and August 2022 to be completed. Brohan went on to explain the drawings and layout on the screen, identified the different rooms and set up of the building. Nielsen asked how big compared to gym at the Community Center? Can basketball go there, and can Ambassador Club move there? Brohan explained that there will be no basketball and Ambassador can use the 2nd floor which will be a meeting room. At this point

parking became a discussion. Nielsen continued by asking if the Kiwanis was happy and asked what it would be called? Brohan responded that the Kiwanis was happy, and the name will be Palmer Kiwanis BIP Youth Center. Nielsen asked if equipment will be stored there? Brohan responded that some equipment will be stored there and Keckler stated the rest will be stored in the barn by the concession stand. Brohan stated that is a good plan in a short period of time. It started with Zoom meetings and then met two times. Next round of meetings will be to seek approval. Keckler questioned on whether they have talked and who will be managing the scheduling? Brohan responded that the Kiwanis didn't want just football, they want other activities and meetings to be hosted. The ground floor will be outdoor sports and the top floor hoping to have seniors, chess club, etc. He also stated that Dan McKinney will be managing the schedule. Keckler explained that Esports is a huge growing sport. He explained that Esports (gaming/video games) is a huge money maker. Kids build confidence, so outlets and WIFI will be essential, but gaming addiction is a problem, will have to watch. Brohan stated that fencing was also discussed. Keckler explained the fencing teams at Drew. Brohan announced that the Recreation Board can help Dan advertise this building for outside groups. It is a nice facility that will be used a great deal. Keckler stated that the football experience is a great experience and will help to get more athletes.

Nielson stated that the sod fields look great.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
INFORMATION

None currently.

4. NEW BUSINESS
INFORMATION

None currently.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:38 pm., the motion was seconded by Darryl Keckler.

Board Members voting Ayes: Brohan, Nielsen, Keckler
Passed. 3-0.

Next meeting August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary