

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
November 21, 2023
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairman Cheryl Nielsen, Vice-Chair Thom Lee, Dawn Ackerman and Angelo Stambolis.

Cheryl Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – November 2023.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of November 2023.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Angelo Stambolis
Passed. 4-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Ackerman, Lee, Nielsen, Stambolis

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

None

3. OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION

A. MOU

Discussion occurred on the MOU. Lee stated that the Recreation Board made our recommendations, and it is up to the Board of Supervisors for the next step. We advised and hopefully they will discuss with the Palmer Township Athletic Association. Ackerman commented that maybe there was an expectation that we meet with the PTAA before drafting anything. Stambolis stated that the BOS should be negotiating, we did advise. Nielsen commented that she feels she has a vested interest in getting a resolution, she grew up here. McKinney stated that this is the same conversation for fifteen years. It just needs to be on paper, so something is documented to refer back to. Lee expressed why have a Recreation Board if what

we recommend falls on deaf ears, then what is our role. The township does not have eyes our recreation program, so again, what is our purpose? The Recreation Board would like formal feedback on what we sent, the MOU. What authority do we have if what we discuss is denied. McKinney stated that the MOU got to the right people because emailed, typically the liaison should take it to the BOS. Lee explained how the liaisons work, every Board has a liaison. In our case, our recommendations never made it to the BOS in the past, we got a new liaison and presented it directly. My opinion, we wait in case they are in negotiations with the PTAA, maybe they are already working on it. Nielsen commented that all the numbers can be adjusted.

B. Youth Center

McKinney informed that in the Budget meeting a lot of things were discussed about the Youth Center, security cameras, retaining wall, flooring, these things were approved for 2024. Nothing is planned currently to improve the space. We had a budget ready but simplified it, no taxpayer's dollars towards it at this time. Ackerman asked if the top floor will be unused? McKinney answered that is what it sounds like at this time. Nielsen asked about exercise. McKinney stated we have space here. Stambolis identified it as a money pit, somebody had an idea to build it. McKinney reiterated that we had a budget ready, the BOS said not doing anything, no budgeted funds at this time. Nielsen asked if the Township cleans the Youth Center? McKinney answered that we buy the products for the bathrooms and the Township Public Works cleans outside. Nielsen said the PTAA could use the whole building and pay for the utilities. McKinney suggested that the Township lease the building to the PTAA could be a possibility.

C. Fairview

McKinney disclosed the progress. It has been paved and must sit for thirty days, needs fencing.

Director's Report

INFORMATION

McKinney announced that the Tree Lighting is December 9th at 6:15pm. Ackerman asked if any help was needed? McKinney stated that if anyone wants to help, we would appreciate it, having a coffee and hot chocolate station. The Halloween Trick or Treat Trail was a great event for us, very windy.

4. New Business

INFORMATION

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Angelo Stambolis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, the motion was seconded by Dawn Ackerman.

Board Members voting Ayes: Ackerman, Lee, Nielsen, Stambolis
Passed. 4-0.

Next meeting December 19, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary