

**PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**  
**October 17, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

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The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairwoman Cheryl Nielsen, Darryl Keckler, and Angelo Stambolis. Also in attendance was Dan McKinney, Palmer Township Director of Parks, and Recreation.

Cheryl Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes – September 2024.

**INFORMATION**

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of September 2024.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Darryl Keckler, Seconded by Angelo Stambolis.  
Passed. 3-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Nielsen, Keckler, Stambolis

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

John Marks, 207 Hunter Street and Ken Starace, 2661 Farmhouse Ct, SO introduced themselves as the Earth Stewards of Palmer Township. Nielsen welcomed them. Marks explained how they cleaned up the township of 150 pounds of litter. Explained the Palmer Proud campaign, to instill in people's minds taking pride in their community not just residents, others as well. Palmer Proud 2025 scheduled coincides with Earth Day, volunteers to coordinate neighbors to clean up, clean roadways, Route 248, Glendon Bridge to name a few. Want to send the message if you clean the areas, hopefully you will keep them clean. Clean up this November is Hope Road, over the D&L, a lot of tires down there. They are working on trying to get support to educate to clean up after events on the field and at the parks, looking for sign-ups, get kids involved with their parents. Will advertise in the Newsletter, all generated by the Earth Stewards of Palmer Township. Community cleans up again to instill pride in the community. Starace wants to partner with the Recreation Board to clean roadways, trails like 25<sup>th</sup> Street, etc. The Earth Stewards average three tons of trash a year and this is an opportunity to instill Palmer Proud in the community, everyone in the group

has a purpose. Palmer is considered a gateway. Would like to enlist support for individuals to go out on a regular basis, others on scheduled events. Keckler questioned where can people find these scheduled events? Marks explained that they are trying to get a website up and running, the group is retirees so on a nice day we get together and go. Nielsen commented that we need areas that you want cleaned. Starace advised that they like to coordinate better. Bellis pointed out that the Earth Stewards are thinking two hundred people, I think we can get two thousand, Scott Kistler, Director of Public Works helps with communication, he contacts the right people. Keckler advised that he would like to do community service with his basketball team and be part of the community. Asked if there was a contact? Bellis replied that Marks is the contact, and they exchanged information. Marks commented that if you show respect, you get respect and continued to explain their projects. We are trying to keep the community clean but need help. Starace appreciates any suggestions or meetings with organizations to gain momentum. Bellis explained corporate sponsorships and that he hopes to make this a public event at each park with pictures of the trash in the dumpsters, goal is to get more people involved.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. MOU**

#### **INFORMATION**

Bellis opened asking where does it stand? Has there been any movement? Nielsen responded, there has not been movement, we need to meet with the Palmer Township Athletic Association. Keckler explained that the Recreation Board has not sat down with the PTAA directly and that this would probably be a short conversation. Bellis stated that he was told we had two different versions. Keckler answered that we have never seen another version. Bellis described the budget coming up and the PTAA are sitting on a ton of money and the PTAA always gave back to the township. Nielsen reiterated the past between the two boards. Keckler stated we have met in the middle, not asking for much, mostly maintenance fees. Bellis stated it needs to be fair and equitable. Keckler explained that we want to support the PTAA and make sure they have nice things, but it won't last, maintenance has to be done, just need to upkeep. Bellis commented that he would like it to be done by the end of the year. Keckler reiterated a bit of history of the MOU, we have supported them from the beginning with the break off year by year. Nielsen thanked Bellis for his input.

B. Dog Policy in the Park

INFORMATION

Discussion occurred.

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Darryl Keckler made a motion to allow leashed dogs in the Palmer Township Parks.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Cheryl Nielsen, Seconded by Angelo Stambolis

Board Members voting Ayes: Keckler, Nielsen, Stambolis

Passed. 3-0.

Nielsen commented that she will get the agenda to Brenda DeGerolamo at the Municipal Building for the Board of Supervisors meeting. She also stated that she received an email from Craig Beavers, Assistant Director of Planning explaining that when a project is resubmitted for approval, they would need approval for Recreation fees.

**4. Director's Report**

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None

**5. New Business**

INFORMATION

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Darryl Keckler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, the motion was seconded by Angelo Stambolis.

Board Members voting Ayes: Keckler, Nielsen, Stambolis

Passed. 3-0.

Next meeting November 19, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus  
Corresponding Secretary