

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

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chairperson Cheryl Nielsen, Vice-Chair Thom Lee, Darryl Keckler and Dawn Ackerman. Also in attendance was Dan McKinney, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – August 2024

INFORMATION

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

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Darryl Keckler.
Passed. 4-0.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

- A. Craig Beavers, Deputy Assistant Director of Planning introduced himself and commented that he is making sure that they get their planning guides to the Recreation Board and get input from the Board so he will be attending meetings. Beavers discussed the packet the Board received with the review sheet, going forward it will be a good guideline. There are two plans before you, Palmer Nursery, 2210 Corriere and 25th Street Plaza, 2463 Nazareth Road and two others tabled. At 25th Street, demolish Long John Silvers and replace with Starbucks and three retail locations, showed everyone the plans. Keckler asked if they are strict about the fees, or does it get renegotiated? Beavers answered it is a set plan. Nielsen questioned whether there is enough room there? Beavers

explained the plans. Nielson commented that we take fees. Ackerman stated, "I concur."

Darryl Keckler made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor to accept Recreational fees not open space for 2463 Nazareth Road site.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Darryl Keckler, Seconded by Dawn Ackerman.
Passed. 4-0.

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

Beavers explained that Rizz containers at Palmer Nursery would like to make a recycling plan for just cardboard and wants to install a bike path. Nielsen questioned how does that fit into our bike path? Beaver explained that it fits into our park plan, it will allow people to bike into the Chrin Commerce Center. Nielsen stated that we will take recreation fees.

Thom Lee made a motion to accept Recreation fees and if there is an alteration that would be up to the Board of Supervisor at 2210 Corrier Road.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Darryl Keckler.
Passed. 4-0.

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

Beavers explained that they are close to having a draft for our Active Transportation and will bring it back to the Recreation Board. Nielsen and the Board thanked Beavers for coming.

4.Old Business

A. Capital Revenue Fund

INFORMATION

Nielsen asked McKinney if he would like to speak on this subject. McKinney explained where this fund was to where it is now, take into account when asked to accept Recreation fees. Grants are not always the answer, fifty percent match is good.

B. INFORMATION

Nielsen relayed that she received a phone call from Michael Brett, Chairman of the Board to explain that our motion was accepted about no more liaison to the Recreation Board and one person will attend the BOS meeting to relay the

requests of the Recreation Board. Discussion occurred on the BOS meeting schedule and the way to present, all agreed to rotate.

C. Adaptive Playground Equipment

McKinney explained that this is an example of when your recreation development fees are low and there may be grants available next year. Lee went over recommendations from the last minutes regarding adaptive playground equipment.

D. Dog Policy in the Parks

Nielsen stated she discussed with Brett. It would allow dogs, skateboards, and bikes in the parks, connecting LaBarre to Old Orchard. McKinney asked the Board if they thought it should change? It would change the ordinance. Nielsen stated that Brett said it is a subject coming up. Ackerman asked if we needed to decide tonight, and Nielsen answered no. Discussion occurred.

5. Director's Report
INFORMATION

McKinney reviewed the Youth Center Grand opening. Nielsen stated it went very well, some people were a little long, got to go downstairs, long handicap ramp. McKinney stated it is moving forward, huge order just placed, cheerleaders in there. Next year will budget for staffing. I would like to recognize my summer people, the Camp Director, and the Pool Manager, they did a tremendous job, great reviews. Nielsen stated her grandkids really enjoyed it, liked it better than Nazareth camp.

6. Around the Room

Nielsen commented that John Marks was going to be here but could not make it and wants to be put on the October Agenda to talk about Palmer Proud 2025. Everyone else is good.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm, the motion was seconded by Dawn Ackerman.

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

Next meeting October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary