

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
February 20, 2024
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance: Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Vice-Chair Thom Lee, Dawn Ackerman and Angelo Stambolis. 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 – January 2024.

INFORMATION

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

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

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Board and Palmer Township Athletic Association

INFORMATION

Tina Walton, 209 Brentwood explained that after attending our last Recreation Board meeting last month, she questioned whether there was any follow up? Nielsen read a letter from the solicitor that it was turned over to the Palmer Township Athletic Association since they are an independent organization. Walton commented that they took care of it by removing her from Commissioner, appointing someone else and relieving her of her duties. Kevin Walton, 209 Brentwood commented that this was the reason this happened. Lee commended Walton for following proper protocol as part of the PTAA and as a Palmer resident but explained you have the right to go to the Board of Supervisors, you kept yourself anonymous but came forward to back your documentation and we are comfortable that we have in our opinion done what we could. Walton stated that a suggestion should be made to the BOS to update their bylaws for consistency. Nielsen stated it is an excellent idea to rewrite bylaws. Walton stated that the PTAA bi-laws state that they report to the Recreation Board. Lee explained it is a gray area, on both bylaws, we can utilize the documentation from our

meetings, not sure you want your outcome to be. Nielsen reiterated that the next step would be to go to the BOS, and we wish you well and good luck.

C. Pickleball Courts

INFORMATION

McKinney reported that the fence and curbing is in, and it would have to be over 60 degrees for five days to put the coating on.

3. Director's Report

INFORMATION

McKinney disclosed that camp registrations are live for returning campers.

4. New Business

INFORMATION

Deb Ackerman, 4 Courtney Court, was here in September and returned with more information on adaptive equipment for our parks. She expressed that she is an advocate and has researched the project by visiting various parks. She commented that she scoped out Fairview Park and there is area for growth, to start with a few pieces of equipment and build. She showed a presentation with a guide on inclusive equipment. Deb answered questions from the Recreation Board.

Dawn Ackerman made a motion to have Kent Baird, Director of Planning attend the next Recreation Board meeting to discuss the inclusive equipment and discuss possible grant money funding and location.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Dawn Ackerman, Seconded by Thom Lee.
Passed. 4-0.

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

5. Egg Hunt

INFORMATION

McKinney announced the Egg Hunt is Friday, March 29th and stated we are looking for volunteers.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Ackerman made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:53 pm, the motion was seconded by Angelo Stambolis.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary