



Plainfield Township
Recreation Board Meeting
Minutes

September 2, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm – Chair, Brianne Kemmerer**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL – Brianne Kemmerer**

Brianne Kemmerer – Chair	Tony Borger – Vice Chair-
Dean Parsons	Tammy Slayton
Ryan Stull-absent	Talia Curtolo

I. Master Site Plan for the Community Park

- **Discussion on Wish List and Amenities:** The meeting started with getting feedback on a wish list for the park's master plan. A handout included initial base plan mapping, background information, constraints, existing vegetation worth preserving, use documentation, photographs, and the 2006 master plan. The handout also included potential uses such as additional sports fields, trails, community buildings, and cultural attractions.
- **Next Steps:** The next steps will involve taking the wish list to develop two or three concept plans. This information will then be narrowed down to one final master plan. The development of concept plans is expected to take about two months.
- **Wish List Items Discussed:**
 - **Community Survey:** A community survey from a couple of years prior had generated a wish list. This survey information was to be emailed to Jason.
 - **Disc Golf and Walking Trail:** Disc golf and a walking trail around the disc golf area were discussed.
 - **Pump Track:** A pump track for bicycles (like BMX) was suggested, which could be small courses in three different locations. It was noted that this would provide a dedicated biking path, as people are currently using the walking path. A pump track in Norman Kennedy was mentioned as a nice



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example that accommodates both small children and older teens with smaller and larger jumps.

- **Putting Green:** A putting green was suggested, as there have been concerns about people golfing in the park and hitting golf balls on the fields. A designated area for golf should be away from the baseball and softball fields.
- **Splash Pad:** A splash pad, possibly incorporated near a playground, was suggested.
 - **Water/Finances:** The cost of the splash pad at Lord Nazareth was nearly a million dollars, with the DCNR paying for half. It was noted that 90% of the water in such systems is recycled, and the system is chlorinated, similar to a pool. Water out at the park location would be well water, and sanitary sewer disposal would be required.
 - **Access:** Splash pads similar to the one at Nazareth are fenced in and require a key card or a pass for access, eliminating the need for a lifeguard. The annual pass for the Lord Nazareth pad is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.
- **Dog Park:** Dog parks at Pen Argyl and Washington are being used a lot, and a dog park was suggested as being relatively easy to maintain. It might also help keep dogs off the baseball fields, which is a rare, but existing issue. Signs currently prohibit dogs on the athletic fields (baseball and soccer) but allow them on the walking path on a leash.
- **Yard Waste Center:** A yard waste center was suggested for the Grove side, possibly using the shed as a barrier and creating two separate sections. Water access would be a question for this location.
- **Lighted/Turf Fields:** A lighted athletic field, like the one in Palmer Township, that can be used year-round for sports like lacrosse, soccer, and baseball practice, was highly desired to extend the practice time during inclement weather and late fall. At least one of each (lighted baseball field and turf field) would be beneficial, potentially using the same posts to cast light out both ways if they are backed up to each other. Rental of a lighted field to outside organizations is also a source of money for Palmer Township.
- **Existing Park Changes/Updates:**



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- **Playground:** The playground should be updated, and a full, gated fence and some shade added.
- **Exercise Stations:** Updated exercise stations, possibly along the walking trail, were suggested.
- **Pavilion/Community Building:** There is an existing pad and a plan for a pavilion and a community building, with approved septic.
- **Outdoor Classroom/Stage:** An outdoor classroom (benches/seating) that could also be incorporated as a stage or bandstand was suggested.
- **Tractor Pull Relocation:** The 2006 master plan showed the tractor pull area being relocated across the street. Relocation is still a desire to eliminate traffic and safety issues (like crossing a State Highway for the Farmer's Fair) and the permitting process required for special events. Moving it and upgrading it could also lead to more rental opportunities for events like monster truck shows and demolition derbies.
- **Courts (Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, Pickleball):** The original master plan included basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts, which is still of interest. Pickleball has been requested multiple times. Existing courts are in poor condition and need to be totally redone. They do get used, especially by teenagers during soccer events and in the summertime. Resurfacing is possible only one more time before they would need to be torn up.

II. Meeting Minutes from July

- The July meeting minutes were tabled so attendees could review them, as some were having issues with their new email addresses.
- A motion was made to table the July meeting minutes.

III. Christmas Tree in the Grove

- Discussion has started with the fire company about the event.



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- **Date:** The event is being planned for two weeks before Christmas, which is about normal.
- **Activities:** A hot chocolate bar is planned. The fire company will be consulted for other accompanying activities.
- **Participation:** Families and organizations will be invited to decorate trees.

IV. Trunk or Treat

- The event is intended for residents who do not have a place to trick-or-treat or for safer trick-or-treating for smaller children.
- **Location:** Municipal Park parking lot. The community park was considered but has potential athletic events. The Grove was also suggested.
- **Date and Time:** Sunday, October 26th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM was tentatively set. The game day for Faith Christian is October 24th.
- **Coordination:** A courtesy call will be made to the YMCA to ensure there are no coinciding events. The information will be put on the website.

V. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Dean and seconded by Tammy. All in favor 4-0
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted by Brianne Kemmerer