

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, which is located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Tony Borger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Recreation Board members answered roll call: Tony Borger, Ira Hiberan, Robert Farley and Roy Bellis.

Also present were Glenn Borger (Board of Supervisors liaison to the Recreation Board), Sharon Pletchan (Zoning Officer), Jane Mellert (Supervisor). Robert Cornman was excused.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

ACTION: Motion was made by Roy Bellis and seconded by Robert Farley to approve the July 5, 2022 meeting minutes. *Prior to the vote, Tony Borger asked if there were any questions or comments.*

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

II. NEW / OLD BUSINESS

1. Plainfield Community Park

Sharon Pletchan led the discussion with available drawings of the Plainfield Township Community Park. The discussion surrounded past understandings of the pavilion project as understood by the board (based on previous meeting discussions led by former Township Manager Petrucci). The discussion also addressed potential zoning issues.

Discussion surrounded NPDS permit and whether there was a need to re-apply before proceeding with pavilion project. Determined that as long as disturbed land

is less than 1 acre, no new NPDS permit should be required. This was going to be confirmed by Ms. Pletchan.

Noted with pavilion and existing sports fields, parking would be limiting to allow multiple concurrent events.

2. Discussion Pickleball Court at Municipal Park

Project has been on-hold with the changes in the Township administration. Attempt to continue prior to spring, when court is in use.

It was requested that each Board Member check the USA Pickleball website for court diagram layouts and bring suggestions to the next meeting, so that the layout can be given to a contractor for overlay lining of the existing tennis court.

3. Knitters Hill Trailhead

Ott consulting to create a conceptual design for the parking lot expansion.

4. PRPS PA Recreation and Park Society Workshop

The Recreation Board membership was notified of the PRPS PA Recreation and Park society workshop to be held Wednesday, Oct. 26. The Recreation Board members were asked to notify the Township if they were interested and able to attend.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA / NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Tony Borger noted the Pen Argyl High School, through Athletic Director Tim Egan, made note verbally that they may be interested in starting discussion with the communities (Wind Gap, Pen Argyl and Plainfield Township) to locate an All-Purpose field in the School District. Tony requested from Supervisor Borger and Supervisor Mellert direction to what the suggested path forward would be.

The Supervisors suggested that PAHS send a letter to each municipality to start the discussion, at which time Plainfield Township could designate a Point of Contact to attend these meetings and provide information back to the Supervisors.

2. Oct. 29th, the BMYSL Under 9 festival will be held at the Plainfield Community Park. This tournament has been hosted by the facility through Wind Gap Soccer for several years, pre-COVID. Tony Borger will be the Point of Contact for the event and will work with the Township office to ensure the event plan is communicated to the Township office following similar requirements and protocol as in years past.

Of note, additional parking has been confirmed available in the field next to the fire department/along Rt. 191. Parking attendants will be provided through the Pen Argyl Boys Soccer Boosters club and Wind Gap Soccer.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Recreation Board, a motion was made by Roy Bellis and seconded by Ira Hiberman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Borger

Chairperson,
Plainfield Township Recreation Board

USA Pickleball Community Grant Program

USA Pickleball's Community Grant Program will provide current USA Pickleball members a maximum of \$250 reimbursement for the purchase of qualified pickleball equipment dedicated to a specific start-up location.

Grant Eligibility:

- You must be a current USA Pickleball member 18 years of age or older. If you are not a member, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Your designated location must be listed in “Places 2 Play” at the time the grant application is submitted.
- Awards are limited to one grant per location (lifetime).
- Federal and state agencies and private residences are not eligible.
- You must agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the USA Pickleball Community Grant Program. See **Terms and Conditions** below.

List of qualified pickleball equipment eligible for reimbursement:

- Portable net(s) purchased from USA Pickleball
- Maximum one dozen (12) pickleballs
- Markers for court lines (painter's tape, chalk, etc. or equivalent products; this line item may be reimbursed up to \$75.00)
- One (1) USA Pickleball rulebook

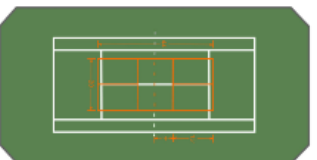
Special consideration may be given to locations with:

- Written “new player” training programs
- Areas with few pickleball locations in the vicinity
- Individuals and groups that USA Pickleball deems most in need of financial assistance
- Veterans Programs

Grant Administrative Details:

- Grants will generally be reviewed for approval on a first-come first-served basis until the Grant funding for the current calendar year is exhausted.
- The maximum reimbursement to any one location is \$250.
- Grant reimbursements will only be valid for 90 days from the date of the award letter.
- Other **Frequently Asked Questions** are listed below.

One Pickleball Court per Tennis Court

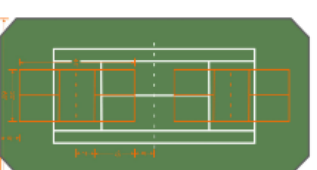


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The simplest way is to just lower the tennis net to 34" in the center. Lines may be taped or painted on the court for pickleball (always check with facility first). Then the court can be used for both tennis and pickleball very easily. The pickleball lines are blue in the diagram on the right. Because of the size of the court surface, you might want to have some sort of temporary barrier for the balls so that they don't have to be chased the full length of the court.

The center strap could be used to bring the net down to 34 inches in the center. If the tension on the net cord is very tight, the tension might have to be loosened slightly by adjusting the ratchet on the net post.

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The diagram on the left shows 2 pickleball courts laid out on a tennis court. A standard tennis court pad is 60'x120'. The minimum recommended size for a pickleball court is 30'x60'. That is exactly one fourth the size of a standard tennis court pad. Therefore, it is possible to put 4 pickleball courts in the space of a tennis court except for the possible existence of angled corners that are on some tennis courts. If the corners are angled, then two courts can fit very nicely as shown. If the conversion is temporary or it is desired to be able to continue to use the court for tennis, then [USAPA Portable Net Stands](#) can be used for the pickleball courts and the tennis net can be left in place as a backstop for the two pickleball courts.

Pickleball Layout Options:

Satellite View of Plainfield Community Park and Achenbach's Grove Facility:

