



Plainfield Township
Recreation Board Meeting
Minutes

January 14, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on January 14, 2025, at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, Pa 18064 beginning at 7:00 p.

The meeting was called to order by Tony Borger. The pledge of allegiance was performed.

1. Reorganization

A motion By Tony Borger was made to Table the November meeting minutes, as well as to update the agenda year to 2025, and to change the names from the previous board members to the new members. A roll call was made; Dean Parsons, Brianne Kemmerer, and Ryan Stull. a second by Tammy Slayton. Approved 5-0

Tony Borger asked that the new members familiarize themselves with the Recreation Board Ordinance.

Tony Borger asked if there was a nomination for Chair. Dean Parsons Nominated Brianne Kemmerer, Ryan Stull Second. Tammy Slayton Nominated Tony Borger, which drops due to lack of second. All in favor for Brianne Kemmerer for chair 3-0 with Tony Borger and Brianne Kemmerer abstaining.

Brianne Kemmerer Asked for a nomination for Vice Chair, Tammy Slayton nominated Tony Burger, Dean Parsons second. All in favor 4-0 with Tony Borger abstaining.

2. Eagle Scout Project update by Josh Katz

Very near to the end of the project. The Project; an ADA picnic table, benches, and shade trees in the playground area of the Plainfield Community Park. Concrete pad was poured in November. The concrete forms were removed and dirt was backfilled. Stabilizing string was also removed from trees in the beginning of January. The project is looking to be completed and signed off on by February.

3. Discussion of the 2025 Budget items



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a. Achenbach's Grove playground discussion

Brianne Kemmerer indicated that the BOS had the Playground equipment fixed last year due to some of the wood being rotted away and nails protruding.

Tony Borger proclaimed that the playground equipment being fixed was a BOS decision not a Recreation board decision and that the knowledge was brand new to the Recreation board. He also noted that the BOS had budgeted \$75,000 for playground equipment. Audience member Nolan Kemmerer spoke that the equipment was fixed previous to the last fair and that money was budgeted to replace equipment. Tony Borger questioned the appropriateness of spending that amount of money on playground equipment that only gets used one week out of the year. Brianne Kemmerer addressed the concerns of not having equipment there at all and the possibility of renting a bounce to put in its place for the next Farmer's Fair. Audience member Jane Mellert said the Farmers Association paid for the equipment and that when the Grove is rented for things like family reunions the equipment gets used. Jane also suggested the Farmers Association should be brought into the conversation. Brianne Kemmerer stated that if the Farmers Association bought the equipment, they should maintain it. Tony Borger disagreed stating that the Association might have bought it but it is Plainfield townships property, the township should maintain it and that it's up to the Township weather they want to replace it or not. Tony asked Amy Kahler, Township Secretary if she knew how many times the Grove was rented last year. Amy stated off the top of her head it was only rented once besides the Farmer's Fair. Brianne Kemmerer asked if its ever listed anywhere to be rented. Tony Borger stated the Township has 2 public parks and doesn't think the grove should be open to the general public. An audience member asked if the pavilion at the Municipal building gets used. Tony Borger responded that the high school rented it out for post athletic events. He stated that its available for rent and that the fee schedule is on the township's website. Brianne Kemmerer said she would try and reach out to someone on the Farmer's Association board and try to set up a meeting.



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b. Basketball/Tennis Court resurfacing discussion

Tony Borger said that the Recreation board decided last year to do minor maintenance on it and monitor it. Brianne Kemmerer asked if that included fixing the crack that runs down the middle. Tony stated they have ideas for a temp fix due to not knowing what caused the crack. Brianne Kemmerer asked if we were to move forward with building up community park with courts should the

township spend the money on fixing the courts at the Municipal Park. Tony Borger noted that the design plans for the Community Park were updated in the last few years and that it included a pavilion. The draft design of the pavilion was complete and acceptable. Tony Borger concern about changing the updated design to add courts permits would need to be updated and approved. This would include a NPDES permit. Tony Borger talked on how the design of the pavilion came to be, and the that the cost was high in his opinion. Brianne Kemmerer thought that some things could be changed to lower the cost. She expressed the benefits of having a pavilion with restrooms, how all types residents could utilize the park if it had adequate restrooms. Josh Katz and his father talked about the benefit of a pavilion with restrooms. They acknowledged that the Boy Scouts would use the park if it had better accommodations. Josh also talked about how getting the word out about all our parks via social media would bring more people to the parks. They expressed the need for a bigger sign for the Community Park, and concern about parking behind the “derby” area. Most people don't know it's that and that there are no marked spots. Ryan Stull commented that if people knew what we had for rent they would get rented. Jane Mellert brought up having the national night out at the Community Park. Disc Golf was brought up as an idea for the Community Park. Tony Borger Stated he had a guy come in who offered to design a full course at Community Park. But the need was to use both sides of 191, and in order to do that the township would need to get a permit to cross over 191. Brianne Kemmerer mentioned that putter courses are gaining popularity. Tammy Slayton talked about Washington borough started out with an easy putter course along the walking trail, and are now expanding due to demand.



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4. Municipal Park scoreboard

Tim Egan came to the board looking to get electric ran out to the corner of the soccer field for the use of a score board for both the soccer and baseball field. Tim was looking for feedback, weather the township was willing to help with the cost of running the electric or if we had the means of running it. The scoreboard would also need to be secured into the ground with concrete or secured on a trailer and stored else ware when dot in use.

This matter would be brought to the BOS for direction.

Meeting Adjourned 8:29p