

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
May 1, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Mike Kresch called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following Recreation Board members answered roll call: Robert Cornman, Jr., Mike Kresch, and Roy Bellis. Tony Borger was excused from attending the meeting. New member Alex Borger arrived at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Also present were Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, and Board of Supervisors liaison to the Recreation Board, Glenn Borger.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Roy Bellis to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion approved 2-0-1, with Mr. Kresch abstaining due to the fact that he was not in attendance at the April 3, 2018 meeting. Mr. Alex Borger was not in attendance for this vote.**

**II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Community Park at Kesslerstown Batting Cage Discussion

- a) The Recreation Board reviewed a price quotation from BSN Sports provided by Mike Kresch for a new batting cage (70' Single Tunnel in the amount of \$4,449.99) to be installed at Community Park. Mr. Cornman questioned the urgency of the purchase with respect to time in order to ascertain if additional options could be considered. Mr. Petrucci expressed concern that this item was not budgeted. Mr. Kresch responded that there would be sufficient time to further review this expenditure. Following discussion, it was the expressed sentiment of the Recreation Board members that additional pricing options should be obtained before this proposed purchase is finalized. Township Manager Petrucci and Mike Kresch will work on this.

It was recommended that the batting cages be located along the 1<sup>st</sup> base side of the main field at Community Park due to the availability of electrical facilities, provided the underground electrical and water facilities are located prior to any construction to assess any potential conflicts. The Road Department has a general understanding of where everything is located due to past experiences at the site.

2. Community Park Seed/Fertilizer Materials

Mr. Petrucci stated that the requested seed and fertilizer for Community Park will be available before Mother's Day. Northern Nurseries has confirmed the availability of the seed and fertilizer materials for the Road Department to pick them up just prior to the work taking place.

3. Gall Farm DCNR C2P2 Grant Project Update (Request for Proposals)

Mr. Petrucci attended Steering Committee meetings on both April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> in order to conduct interviews for the Gall Farm Park DCNR C2P2 grant. Mr. Glenn Borger was slated to attend as well, but he was not able to attend due to extenuating circumstances. The purpose of the meetings was to interview and consider the consultants who responded to the Request for Proposals.

It was reported by Mr. Petrucci that the Steering Committee had narrowed down the consultant to one selection based on the proposals submitted and the interviews conducted.

Mr. Cornman inquired as to the level of stormwater work that would be required for the Gall Farm. Mr. Petrucci responded that the park will require a NPDES Permit; therefore, considerable stormwater work will be required. However, it is the intent of the County to select stormwater Best Management Practices that require as little as maintenance as possible. County forces will be responsible for maintenance of the park- not Township personnel.

The members of the Recreation Board conveyed the sentiment that the property owners adjacent to Northampton County should be brought into this process as soon as possible in order to vet potential concerns.

Members of the Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors will be kept in the loop as this joint project between the Township and the County moves forward.

4. Circus Discussion

The Township received an inquiry from a circus proprietor (Mr. Willie Waltens of the Zerbini Family Circus) as to whether or not the Farmer's Grove facility would be

available this year to hold a circus. Mr. Waltens wanted to hold a circus event here early in June, and he was informed that was simply not possible at all due to logistical concerns. Mr. Petrucci asked the Recreation Board for feedback pertaining to a circus, and the following items were discussed:

- Mr. Cornman asked what the scope of the acts will be? What animals are involved? Mr. Cornman mused as to how far the Township would want an event like this to go.
- Coordination with the Farmer's Association would be required.
- Mr. Kresch expressed concerns with parking. How many potential visitors will a circus draw?
- The location of a 200' x 200' event tent was discussed. The tractor pull area and the former tree farm area were discussed as possible locations for an event tent.
- What responsibilities would the Township have?
- What are the hours of operation? How many days would the event last? The number of employees? Where would the employees stay during the duration of the event?
- Insurance/Indemnification: The potential liability to the Township needs to be assessed.
- What is the compensation to the Township for the use of the land?
- Mr. Bellis lives in the area and would be concerned with the noise of the event disturbing the surrounding residents/neighborhood.

The questions of the Township will be summarized in an email to Mr. Waltens.

#### 5. Possible Field Maintenance Tractor Purchase

Mr. Kresch stated that he had forwarded a used tractor to the Township Manager for the Township to consider purchasing. Mr. Petrucci indicated that a tractor purchase was not budgeted for this year, and this ideally should be an item that is budgeted for the 2019 Budget.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

*No members of the public were in attendance.*

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Cornman asked whether or not memorial park benches (with memorial plaques) could be explored. Mr. Cornman envisions a program where Township residents could purchase the benches at cost, thereby making the cost to the Township neutral. Notification of the program could be placed in the Township newsletter. This will be brought up to the Board of Supervisors in the future.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager  
Secretary to Recreation Board