

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 5, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Tony Borger 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: Tony Borger, Robert Cornman, Jr., Alex Borger, and Roy Bellis. Mike Kresch was excused from attending the meeting.

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 Alex Borger to approve the May 1, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion approved 3-0-1, with Mr. Tony Borger abstaining due to the fact that he was not in attendance at the May 1, 2018 meeting.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Park at Kesslerstown Discussion

Mr. Tony Borger opened up discussion on this agenda item by identifying the following concerns:

1. Why has the Green Knights Baseball organization failed to provide a Certificate of Insurance for the use of the Community Park fields?
2. There is a question as to whether the Plainfield Township Athletic Association is directly benefiting Plainfield Township residents. The Forks Soccer Club is using the facilities, but there are no known Plainfield Township-specific programs at this time. The Forks Soccer Club supplies their own equipment.
3. There is a question as to why “external” organizations that are not local to Plainfield Township are not charged a higher fee to utilize Plainfield Township fields.

4. Mr. Tony Borger questioned why there was a request for an order for infield mix from Mr. Mike Kresch at the last meeting when the in-field mix has not been used to date. Township Manager Petrucci reported that the Township ordered too much in-field mix based on the order from last year. It will be explored whether the in-field mix could be taken back to the supplier. Otherwise, the in-field mix will need to be used over the next two seasons.
5. Mr. Tony Borger reported that there is a disparity with who is paying for in-field mix at other fields. To his knowledge, Plainfield Township is the only municipality paying for in-field mix in the surrounding area.

To the above listed questions, Mr. Cornman asked Mr. Tony Borger how the external/internal organization use of the fields would be structured. Mr. Cornman indicated that Mr. Borger has the most experience with these issues, and he would like Mr. Borger to provide a recommendation. Mr. Borger stated the following:

- It was opinion that youth organizations should be able to use their own user fees to pay for their own in-field mix needs.
- External organizations should either 1). Pay a sufficient field maintenance/usage fee to support all maintenance needs; or 2). Maintain the field themselves.

It was the expressed sentiment of the Recreation Board members as a whole that organizations should be self-supporting. This topic will be placed on the July 10, 2018 Recreation Board for additional discussion.

In other field usage issues/concerns, the following information was reported:

- Mr. Ron DeCesare is now the appropriate contact for the Jr. Green Knights Baseball organization. A Certificate of Insurance is now required from the Jr. Green Knights, or they will no longer be able to use the fields.
- Community Park Mowing: Due to the heavy volume of rain, the mowed grass was too thick in order to paint lines on the fields. A large amount of manual labor was required to rake off the fields.
- Township Manager Petrucci indicated that he felt that the Road Department could handle taking care of the annual maintenance requirements for Community Park (i.e. seeding/fertilizing). Mr. Tony Borger and Mr. Glenn Borger have been conducting this work, but it would be preferred not to have volunteers doing this work each year. The work should only take the Road Department one or two days at the most.

2. John Deere 4052M Compact Utility Tractor Quote Received

As requested by the members of the Recreation Board, Mr. Petrucci had provided a State Contract #4400011369 price for the consideration of the Recreation Board members for a John Deere 4052M Compact Utility Tractor. The amount of the price quotation was \$31,949.11. The need for the equipment was based on the fact that the Township's existing field/turf tractor is too large for the type of maintenance work being conducted at Community Park. The Road Department would also have additional uses for this equipment. The Recreation Board members came to the general consensus that this should be an item that is budgeted for the future. Additional funds should also be budgeted for a commercial-grade bagger attachment- making the total amount to budget as approximately \$37,000.00 (to be approved by the Board of Supervisors).

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

Mr. Petrucci reported that the consulting firm Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) was awarded the contract by Northampton County Council for the Gall Farm/Plainfield Township Site Feasibility Study. Additional information will be forthcoming as the steering committee meetings will progress.

4. Security Cameras at Community Park (Budgeted)

Mr. Petrucci stated that the 2018 Plainfield Township Budget did include funding for two security cameras to be installed at Community Park. Mr. Tony Borger stated that in the past, there were instances of vandalism, including donuts in the soccer fields. These occurrences have ceased now that the Township has taken the additional step of installing aesthetic timber barriers, which block easy ingress/egress to the soccer fields.

Following discussion, the Recreation Board members were in agreement that the previous position of the Recreation Board (to install the two security cameras) should be conveyed to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Petrucci will obtain pricing for the two cameras, which will be linked to the Slate Belt Regional Police Department's existing Avigilon CCTV system. This item will be placed on the July regular Board of Supervisors meeting for discussion.

5. West Bangor Memorial Discussion

Mr. Petrucci reported that there was some concern from a member of the Board of Supervisors with respect to the condition of the West Bangor Memorial. The Township should do a better job of maintaining the facility now that it is our facility to maintain. Mr. Glenn Borger indicated that the West Bangor Memorial was recently repaired by a mason, but it is clear that there are areas that are in need of repair already again. He

recommend that the Township explore an alternate/maintenance-free structure (i.e. a slab of granite) that could house the existing memorial items.

In response to Mr. Petrucci's request for recommendations concerning the West Bangor Memorial, the following items were discussed by members of the Recreation Board:

- Mr. Cornman suggested that the Township contact the West Bangor Memorial Association, and local VFW/ Legion organizations in order to determine what would be preferred with respect to a possible redesign of the Memorial. It was noted that it is important for the Township to help get all residents of the Township passionate about this Memorial.
- It was suggested that donations and volunteers should be sought and utilized for the possible redesign endeavor. The Township could sell memorial benches and bricks for the paths honoring service men and women in the Township for additional sources of revenue to maintain the facility.

This topic will be placed on the agenda for discussion during the June 13, 2018 regular Board of Supervisors meeting for additional direction/discussion from the governing body.

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Recreation Board, a motion was made by Robert Cornman and seconded by Tony Borger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board