

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Tony Borger called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Recreation Board members answered roll call: Tony Borger, Robert Cornman, Jr., Roy Bellis and Alex Borger.

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 August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion approved 4-0.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

A. Field Usage Policy/Field Usage Fees (Internal/External Organization) Discussion: Use of Fees for Maintenance/Line Painting

Chairman Tony Borger inquired as to whether the Recreation Fees of the Township could be applied towards the use of general field maintenance. He noted that the Faith Christian School Soccer Club uses the fields, and it is the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League that actually expends funds and time in order to paint out the soccer line markings. He would like to have the recreation fees pay for the maintenance costs.

Township Manager Petrucci indicated that it would not be his preference to use the funds for line painting. This should be the responsibility of those using the fields. Mr. Tony Borger indicated that the Township pays for in-field mix for the baseball fields; what is the difference between the soccer field maintenance materials and the baseball field materials?

Township Manager Petrucci indicated that the Township may not pay for the in-field mix in the future. It was suggested that the Recreation Board start working on a Field Usage Policy in order to define what materials will be paid for by the Township or the organizations using the fields.

Mr. Cornman indicated that if the recreation fees could be used, he would be in favor of the fees being used for that purpose.

This matter will be brought up before the Recreation Board again once sample field usage policies are provided to the Recreation Board members.

Mr. Tony Borger will approach Faith Christian School with the idea of once again giving a donation to the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League to cover the costs of the field paint.

B. Community Park at Kesslersville – Discussion on Future Overall Master Site Plan/Pavilion Facility (Restrooms, Snack Stand)

The Recreation Board members continued the discussion on future possible revisions to the overall Master Site Plan for Community Park. The following ideas were discussed:

- An indoor facility to allow for practice activities during the winter months. The facility could potentially bring in additional revenue; however, the significant up-front costs of the facility were identified.
- Movies/Concerts in the Park concept idea (utilizing sponsorship money). Mr. Cornman noted that Wind Gap and Pen Argyl already have similar facilities, and this may limit interest in a similar Plainfield Township facility.
- Expansion/Renovations- Farmer's Grove Facility- Could the facility be expanded to generate usage and corresponding revenue?
- Recreation area for children (the example of Kid's Castle in Doylestown Township was highlighted).
- Expansion of playground facilities.

C. Walking Path Extension Project

The conceptual plans for the Community Park Walking Path Extension Project (2016 Northampton County Open Space Initiative Grant) were reviewed by the Recreation Board members. Township Manager Petrucci indicated that the Road Department had suggested a simpler work-around to avoid having to take down the fence near the PPL easement, and this solution was determined to be acceptable to the Recreation Board. Township Engineer Kukles and Township Manager Petrucci had met with Wayne Achenbach, who represented the Tractor Pullers Association. There were no expressed issues with the plans by Mr. Achenbach. The walking path specifications will be made heavier in the areas where tractors will traverse over the walking path sections. The project is slated to start in late September and early October.

D. Masonic Motorama Event- Bob Abbott

The 2018 Masonic Motorama event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018 and Sunday, September 23, 2018 at the Farmer's Grove facility. Mr. Bob Abbott was in attendance in order to report the following:

- The required Certificate of Insurance will be forwarded to the Township.
- The required PennDOT permit will be forwarded to the Township.
- There will be a helicopter landing (for which no permits are required).
- A layout of the event will be provided to the Township.

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 Alex Borger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board