

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

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

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 January 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 4-0.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

A. Review/Comments on Proposed Community Park and Parks/Recreation Survey

As requested by Township Manager Petrucci, the members of the Recreation Board reviewed the proposed Community Park and Parks/Recreation Survey that was presented to the Recreation Board members and offered the following recommendations/suggestions:

1. Provide a brief description (including names and acreage) of existing parks/recreation facilities situated within Plainfield Township.
2. Add a statement that the Township would seek grant funding in order to implement any new projects.
3. The Recreation Board recommended that the survey should be posted on Survey Monkey and sent to residents directly.
4. For Survey Question #1 (*Which projects should the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors and Plainfield Township Recreation Board prioritize for future implementation at the Plainfield Township Community Park? Circle all that apply.*), it

was suggested that the survey should provide the survey user with the option to prioritize each project on a scale of 1 to 5.

5. For Survey Question #2 (*Which overall projects should the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors and Plainfield Township Recreation Board prioritize for future implementation across Plainfield Township? Circle all that apply.*), the Recreation Board also recommended that that the survey should provide the survey user with the option to prioritize each project on a scale of 1 to 5.

Additionally, the Recreation Board suggested that sections for Recreation Programs (run by the Township and/or the YMCA), Adult Recreation Programs (e.g. “Yoga in the Park”), Senior Recreation Programs (e.g. “Silver Sneakers”), and Youth Recreation Programs should be added as options to select.

Finally, it was suggested that the word choice of “more” should be revised to “additional”.

6. For Survey Question #3 (*Within the past twelve (12) months, please indicate how often you have used the following existing Plainfield Township recreational facilities. Circle all that apply.*), it was suggested that the question be revised as follows:

*Within the past twelve (12) months, please indicate how often you have **visited and/or used** the following existing Plainfield Township **recreational** facilities. Circle all that apply.*

Additionally, it was suggested to add the Farmer’s Grove/Achenbach’s Grove Complex, as well as the West Bangor Veteran’s Memorial as facilities. Both the Farmer’s Grove and the West Bangor Veteran’s Memorial would be described in the beginning of the survey along with all other Plainfield Township facilities.

7. The following questions were recommended to be added:
 - *Would you be interested in serving on the Recreation Board? Yes/No*
 - *Would you be interested in serving on a sub-committee for planning/implementing any of the overall parks/recreation facilities described within this survey?*

B. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE 2019 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY GRANT FUNDING FOR PARKS/RECREATION MUNICIPAL PROJECTS – REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Township Manager Petrucci reported that Northampton County will likely open up a round of municipal parks/recreation projects grant funding later this year. For planning purposes, Mr. Petrucci was seeking the recommendations of the Recreation Board for potential projects to consider, pending the final approval of the Board of Supervisors. Following discussion, the Recreation Board members suggested the following projects should be considered:

1. Playground at Municipal Building Park
2. Split rail fence repair along the length of the Recreation Trail; split rail fence repairs at Community Park
3. Equipment for the maintenance of the Recreation Trail (if permitted within the grant guidelines)
4. One (1) small pavilion facility at the Municipal Building
5. Historical/Educational kiosks and benches at Community Park along the length of the new walking path extension

C. COMMUNITY PARK AT KESSLERSVILLE – CONSTRUCTION DUMPING IN DUMPSTERS

It was reported that the dumping of construction materials in the solid waste/recycling dumpsters at Community Park is continuing to take place. The Recreation Board discussed the option of installing a trail camera, if that option is legal.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance during the March 5, 2019 Recreation Board meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board