

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 2, 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 March 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 4-0.**

**II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. LICENSE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION ON HORSEPOWER SHOWDOWN (PRESENTED BY SMOKE AND SPEED) EVENT – MAY 31, 2019 TO JUNE 1, 2019 (FORMAL APPROVAL OF EVENT REQUIRED BY PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

Mr. Bob Abbott was in attendance in order to review the proposed May 31, 2019 to June 1, 2019 Horsepower Showdown (presented by Smoke and Speed Magazine) event to be held at the Farmer's Grove facility. The members of the Recreation Board reviewed the following criteria with Mr. Abbott in order to move the approval of this event forward to the Board of Supervisors. It was identified that the use of the Farmer's Grove facility requires the approval of a License Agreement between the Township and Smoke and Speed Magazine- said approval is solely at the discretion of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors.

1. Township Manager Petrucci inquired as to whether or not the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company would be invited to benefit from this event. It was his understanding that only the fire departments of Pen Argyl and Wind Gap were invited to this event. Mr. Abbott indicated that he will talk to Plainfield Fire Chief Alex Cortezzo.

2. The need for a PennDOT Special Event permit was identified. Fire Police are being used to control pedestrian traffic across Bangor Road. Mr. Abbott is working on obtaining the required PennDOT Special Event permit.
3. Mr. Abbott confirmed that Farmer's Association representatives were consulted in reference to the use of the facilities. However, the Farmer's Association is not allowing the use of the kitchen facility for this event.
4. Mr. Abbott confirmed that New Jersey Tractor Puller's Association representatives were consulted in reference to the use of the tractor pull facilities. There are no known issues with respect to the use of the tractor pull facilities, to the best of the knowledge of Mr. Abbott.
5. Mr. Abbott indicated that the layout of the facility will be similar to the Masonic Motorama event. The event will primarily use the top field. There will be a DJ present in the Grove facility.
6. Hours of Operation: Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> (setup and event will cease at 10:00 PM); Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> (event will cease at 10:00 PM); Sunday (clean-up only).
7. A Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the Township as required by the License Agreement.
8. The fee for the use of the facility was proposed to be \$300.00, which is consistent with the established fee for past Masonic Motorama events.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Alex Borger to recommend the approval of the required License Agreement for the Horsepower Showdown (presented by Smoke and Speed Magazine) event to be held at the Farmer's Grove facility from Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion approved 4-0.**

**B. Faith Christian School – 2019 Use of Plainfield Township Athletic Facilities**

Mary Ellen Borrell and Nicholas DeFranco were in attendance at this Recreation Board meeting as representatives of Faith Christian School in order to discuss a proposed soccer league tournament on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was identified that the tournament will take place from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM each day, with the tournament utilizing two soccer fields (four games in total). The approximate number of spectators is two-hundred and fifty people.

Recreation Board Chairman Tony Borger inquired as to whether different colored paint could be used by Faith Christian School to mark the fields so as not to cause a conflict between this tournament and the U9 tournament. Mr. DeFranco indicated that this will not pose an issue. The parties in attendance collectively agreed that the additional portable restrooms that are ordered each year for the U9 tournament should suffice for this new 10/24 and 10/25 tournament. Faith Christian School will provide all required documentation, including the 2019 annual schedule, field usage forms, and the required Certificate of Insurance renewal.

### **C. COMPLETE STREETS DISCUSSION**

Tony Borger had requested that the Recreation Board members receive an email from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development concerning the “Complete Streets” initiative. Complete Streets policies help communities create safe and inviting road networks designed for people of all ages and abilities, as well as for multiple modes of transportation — bicycles, walking, wheeling, public transit, and personal vehicles. The Complete Streets program is intended to accomplish the following:

- Identify and promote safe walking routes;
- Offer social support through guided, community-based walking groups;
- Help schools to develop walk-to-school programs; and
- Address local policies to increase safe walking routes.

The members of the Recreation Board reviewed whether or not this program is a good fit for Plainfield Township to consider integrating the concepts across strategically identified locations throughout the municipality.

Recreation Board member Robert Cornman expressed the sentiment that this program appears geared towards urban settings, such as a borough. He expressed a concern that the rural character of the Township may preclude the implementation of the concepts associated with the Complete Streets program.

Township Manager Petrucci expressed a concern with adding additional impervious cover for walking/biking lanes across large tracts of the Township from a stormwater management perspective. He indicated that the additional impervious cover may trigger the need for a PA DEP NPDES permit and require the installation of stormwater Best Management Practices across the Township. He also referenced the extremely narrow existing cartway of the Township’s primarily rural road network.

Tony Borger inquired as to whether bike lanes could be designated on Township existing roads. Mr. Petrucci will review the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to ascertain whether or not this is feasible.

Tony Borger expressed the sentiment that the Township should prioritize connecting existing municipal facilities as follows:

1. Connecting existing municipal facilities Municipal Building Park/Field, Community Park) to the Recreation Trail.
2. Connecting high-density subdivisions to municipal facilities. Examples of SALDO provisions that require trail connections to subdivisions should be reviewed.

Following general discussion, the members of the Recreation Board did not take any formal action with respect to the “Complete Streets” program.

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

*There were no members of the public in attendance during the April 2, 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 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager  
Secretary to Recreation Board