

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
JUNE 4, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Tony Borger called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Recreation Board members answered roll call: Tony Borger, Alex Borger and Roy Bellis. Robert Cornman 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 Roy Bellis and seconded by Alex Borger to approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 3-0.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

A. POSSIBLE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – COMMUNITY PARK

Eagle Scout candidate Graham Rose (Boy Scout Troop 34), who is a resident of Pen Argyl Borough, is proposing to conduct an Eagle Scout project in Plainfield Township Community Park. Mr. Rose presented an overview of his project to the Recreation Board during the meeting and provided a hand-out to the Recreation Board members in attendance. Said handout dated June 4, 2019 is incorporated herein into these minutes as though more fully set forth at length as Exhibit “A” for reference.

Mr. Rose is proposing to install either mile markers, benches, or a picnic area (or some combination thereof) in the vicinity of where the Township just recently completed an extension to the walking path located at Community Park- specifically, the wooded area near the Fire Department building. The timeline for the project has not been identified at this time; however, it was noted by the Recreation Board and Mr. Rose that there is no need to rush the project, as Mr. Rose has approximately three years to complete this project and the Township would prefer not to install the equipment in the autumn only to have it sit over the winter. A Spring 2020 date was tentatively targeted for the commencement of the project; the coordinator fundraising activities would need to take place immediately as per Mr. Rose. All project management tasks, including the raising of sufficient funds to complete the project, are the responsibility of Mr. Rose.

The following is a summary of the topics concerning the proposed project that were broached by the Recreation Board members:

1. It was noted that Mr. Rose will need to gain approval from the council advancement committee for Boy Scout Troop 34 before proceeding with the project. The Board of Supervisors will review the project during the June 12th regular Board meeting in order to approve the overall concept of the project. Mr. Rose will then work with the Recreation Board and the council advancement committee to move the project forward.
2. Township Manager Petrucci brought up some logistical concerns, including minimizing the level of earth disturbance, ensuring that the PPL easement is not further encroached, whether or not child abuse clearances are required for any Township employees working with Mr. Rose, and if Boy Scout Troop 34 will indemnify the Township and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Plainfield Township/Plainfield Township employees, officials, officers and agents as additional insureds. Mr. Rose will obtain the answers to those questions from Boy Scout Troop 34 as he progresses through the phases of the project.
3. It was suggested that Mr. Rose seek grant funding from the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation. While the grant application window had recently closed, it was still suggested that Mr. Rose ascertain whether or not the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation would assist Mr. Rose with the project from a financial standpoint.

Following discussion, the members of the Recreation Board took action.

ACTION: Motion was made by Roy Bellis and seconded by Alex Borger to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Township approve the general concept of the Boy Scout Troop 34 project as proposed by Graham Rose. Motion approved 3-0.

**B. HORSEPOWER SHOWDOWN (PRESENTED BY SMOKE AND SPEED) EVENT
– MAY 31, 2019 TO JUNE 1, 2019 RECAP**

Mr. Bob Abbott was not in attendance in order to review the May 31, 2019 to June 1, 2019 Horsepower Showdown (presented by Smoke and Speed Magazine) event that was held at the Farmer's Grove facility.

Township Manager Petrucci reported that Chief Mettin of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department had reported to him that there were a number of burnouts near Hower Road at approximately 8:30 PM/9:00 PM during the evening of June 1, 2019. Ostensibly, the burnouts were attendees of the Horsepower Showdown event. The incident did not trigger a police response.

In order to avoid a similar recurrence from taking place in the future, it was discussed that if future similar events are held at the Farmer's Grove facility, there should be a police presence at

the facility at the end of the event. It would be prudent to have the police department periodically patrol the area where these events occurred.

B. GENERAL DISCUSSION

During the General Discussion portion of the agenda, Tony Borger identified a concern with an increasing number of organizations utilizing the soccer fields at Kesslersville without contributing to the overall maintenance of the soccer fields. It was proposed by Mr. Borger that there should be a fee structure in place that provides for two fees for the use of the fields, identified as follows:

- One base fee that does not include the striping of the lines and the use/placement of the goals.
- Another increased fee higher than the base fee that includes the striping of the lines and the use/placement of the goals. The cost of the paint required to stripe the fields would be built into the fee.

The Township Manager will explore alternative arrangements for the fees charged at Community Park in preparation for the approval of the 2020 Schedule of Fees. Options will be provided to the Recreation Board members for review and consideration well in advance of the timeframe to approve the 2020 Schedule of Fees.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance during the June 4, 2019 Recreation Board meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board