

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Robert Cornman 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: Robert Cornman, Alex Borger and Roy Bellis. Tony Borger 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 Robert Cornman and seconded by Roy Bellis to approve the June 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 3-0.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

A. POSSIBLE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – COMMUNITY PARK

Township Manager Tom Petrucci briefly reported that the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Graham Rose Eagle Scout Project presented to the Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors in concept only and to confirm that Plainfield Township is serving as the beneficiary of the proposed project. Mr. Rose will regularly provide project updates to and receive guidance from the members of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

B. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Tony Borger had emailed the Recreation Board members prior to the meeting, and he indicated that he would not be able to attend the meeting. However, he asked that the Recreation Board members discuss whether or not a field usage weather policy should be developed and implemented for the upcoming fall season. The policy would close game fields for practices when it is raining heavily, or if they are saturated due to rain, and notify users by email of closure by noon. Users of the field would assume that the fields are cleared for use if notifications of closure are not sent out. Practices would be held off game fields following inclement weather.

Notifications could be sent via text, phone and/or email; additionally, he noted that typically only Faith Christian School and Wind Gap (Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League) use the fields in the fall, so this policy would not impact multiple organizations. A penalty would be imposed for violations by teams or organizations using the fields after receiving notification that the fields were closed. Chairman Borger also provided sample signage that could be placed out on the fields to provide notice that fields are closed.

Recreation Board member Bob Cornman indicated that he was in agreement that a policy should be implemented, and he recommended that any adopted policy should have a receipt/acknowledgement form included along with it to ensure that those individuals and/or organizations using the fields have confirmed their willingness to comply with and communicated their understanding of the regulations.

Township Manager Petrucci expressed concerns with having to email, call, and/or text users of the fields whenever it is determined that is raining at sufficient amounts to necessitate field closure. He noted that there may be times when Township officials are not able to respond in a timely manner due to other numerous responsibilities and obligations, and he recommended that the policy should be construed to be self-policing by the users of the fields. Glenn Borger stated that he was of the opinion that between himself, the Township Manager, and Tony Borger, that someone would be able to get out the notifications.

The Recreation Board resolved to recommend that a policy should be drafted, and that signage should be placed out on the field. Of the signage options provided as examples by Tony Borger, the Recreation Board members recommended the following design to use as a guide:



Township Manager Petrucci will provide suggested policy language for the review of the Recreation Board members.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance during the July 9, 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 Roy Bellis to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board