

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019** at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman 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, Alex Borger, and Roy Bellis.

Also present were Township Manager, Tom Petrucci (Secretary to the Recreation Board), 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 August 6, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 3-0-1, with Alex Borger abstaining from the vote due to the fact that he was not in attendance at the August 6, 2019 Recreation Board meeting.

II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2019 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY LIVEABLE LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (REVIEW OF PROPOSED MUNICIPAL PARK PAVILION PROJECT)

Plainfield Township Manager Tom Petrucci requested the input of the members of the Recreation Board concerning a proposed Municipal Building Park Pavilion location; materials submitted for review included the corresponding design drawings, proposed location and budgetary materials. In consideration of this request, the Recreation Board discussed the following:

1. Bob Cornman inquired if the facility would be used on a regular basis. Tony Borger indicated that it was his opinion that the facility would be used, given the large number of athletic field events at the facility, as well as the use of the tennis and basketball courts. Mr. Borger also stated that he believes the facility should be rented out from time to time.
2. Bob Cornman, Tony Borger and Roy Bellis collectively indicated that the proposed location was too close to the police/municipal building parking lot. Various locations were reviewed, and it was determined that any location should be near the existing

features of the site (including the playground, athletic fields, and swing sets) to allow those parents who are making use of the pavilion to watch their children using the other site amenities.

3. The Township Manager reported that he had discussed the loss of one (1) police parking spot at the Municipal Building, and that there are plans to assign spots to police cruisers in the near future. Therefore, the loss of the parking spot to convert it into an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant van-accessible spot should not present an issue.
4. Any proposed pavilion location must factor in the existing stormwater and septic facilities of the Municipal Building.

ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Tony Borger to direct the Township Manager to reconfigure the location of the proposed pavilion facility at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building Park closer to the athletic fields (provided it does not encroach on the septic drainage field of the Municipal Building) and to move the project forward to the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration of approval to submit a grant application to Northampton County for funding provided by way of the 2019 Liveable Landscapes Program. **The motion was approved. Vote 4-0.**

B. INTERCONNECTED LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK

The Recreation Board reviewed overall maps of the Township that depict parcels within the Township that have undergone farmland preservation, existing municipal facilities, and areas that appear to be well-suited for future farmland preservation. The purpose of this review was to determine where it would make sense to connect existing municipal facilities (including the Recreation Trail, Municipal Building, and Community Park) via an interconnected local and regional trail network. Township Manager Petrucci reported that Northampton County is currently preparing to formulate an Intermunicipal Committee that would be comprised of the municipalities of Plainfield Township, Pen Argyl Borough, Wind Gap Borough, and Bushkill Township to study this same subject matter.

Mr. Cornman identified the fact that existing preserved farms have restrictions for all areas that have been preserved and are otherwise not in an exclusion area. Lands that are subject to an agricultural easement must remain in agricultural production, and they cannot be developed.

Following a brief discussion, it was the sentiment of the Recreation Board that the Township Manager should highlight the global issue of preserved farms and the development of trails to the appropriate officials that would comprise the to-be-formed Intermunicipal Committee.

C. GENERAL DISCUSSION

General discussion topics included the following:

1. Mr. Glenn Borger reported that an ice cream truck vendor was seen entering the Community Park facility recently; this was not the first time that this has occurred. This action is in violation of local Township ordinances, and any future similar actions will result in this violation being reported to the Slate Belt Regional Police Department for immediate action.
2. Tony Borger reported he will be meeting with Faith Christian School representatives on September 11, 2019 in order to facilitate cooperation between the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer Club and Faith Christian School with respect to sharing the costs of maintaining the Community Park soccer fields.
3. Tom Petrucci reported that there will be no 2019 Masonic Motorama this year. However, Bob Abbott had stated that there may still be some interest from the radio-controlled truck operators to use the Farmer's Grove outbuildings. The Township is awaiting additional information from Mr. Abbott.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance during this 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 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Secretary to Recreation Board