

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman 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, Ira Hiberman, Robert Farley, 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. REORGANIZATION**

1. Nomination and Approval of Chairperson

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Robert Cornman and seconded by Roy Bellis to nominate Mr. Tony Borger as Chairperson. Motion approved 4-0-1, with Mr. Tony Borger abstaining.

2. Nomination and Approval of Vice-Chairperson

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Tony Borger and seconded by Roy Bellis to nominate Mr. Robert Cornman as Vice-Chairman. Motion approved 4-0-1, with Mr. Robert Cornman abstaining.

3. Confirmation of Township Manager as Recreation Board Secretary

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Robert Cornman and seconded by Tony Borger to confirm Township Manager Tom Petrucci as the Recreation Board Secretary. Motion approved 5-0.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Robert Cornman and seconded by Roy Bellis to approve the November 5, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 3-0-2, with Mr. Farley and Mr. Hiberman abstaining.

### III. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

#### A. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PARK MASTER SITE PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

1. Ira Hiberman asked how the survey was distributed.
2. Ira Hiberman inquired if the Township could send out the survey via the parent/teacher association; Tony Borger also suggested that the Township send out a PDF via the Pen Argyl Area School District. It was suggested that the distribution for the second round could be digital, and that the Survey Monkey system could be utilized. Mr. Hiberman suggested that the Township speak to the superintendent directly. Township Manager Petrucci indicated that he would speak to Mr. Schlegel about sending the survey out via the digital methods available through the school district.
3. The Recreation Board discussed the pavilion project, which received the highest scoring marks for future Plainfield Township prioritized projects. Mr. Hiberman suggested that the Township could utilize the Career Institute of Technology (CIT) to build the pavilion facility. Mr. Hiberman indicated that the CIT students hold their classes on-site. Township Manager Petrucci will inquire if any other municipalities in the area have utilized CIT or similar organizations for past public projects.
4. Tony Borger indicated that a timeline should be implemented for sending out a revised survey. The targeted dates were identified as follows:
  - Send out revised digital Survey Monkey surveys- have the surveys back in hand by the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Recreation Board meeting and the March 11<sup>th</sup> Recreation Board meeting. The proposed amenities should be prioritized by color, as per Glenn Borger. The Township needs to account for all of the impervious surfaces for its NPDES permit. The Township should come up with the prioritized items and forward them to the Township Engineer to determine what will be able to be kept or need to be whittled down from a stormwater perspective. **Due date of revised digital Survey Monkey survey should be February 14<sup>th</sup>; targeted date to have the survey out is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Township Manager will use the NIXLE system and Slate Belt Regional Police Department Facebook page.**
  - Targeted date to complete the NPDES Permit by December 31, 2020.

## **B. COMMUNITY PARK EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE:**

Tony Borger provided the Recreation Board with an overview of the proposed Eagle Scout project for the benefit of the new members.

## **C. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

General discussion topics included the following:

1. Mr. Farley brought up several issues on the Recreation Trail, including the washed out section near Gall Road, several moved mile markers on the Recreation Trail, and parking issues. Tom Petrucci indicated that there is expanded parking planned as part of the Phase I portion of the Gall Farm Park as planned by Northampton County. Tony Borger suggested that the Township should place out aesthetic barriers at the existing parking locations once the additional parking is installed by the County in order to help keep people parking off of the unapproved sections. The washed out section is currently being addressed by the Township Engineer- including the possibility of slightly shifting the location of the Recreation Trail at that location. The mile markers could be reinstalled on a temporary basis, and then a long-term project could be contemplated for the future. Ira Hiberman suggested that we use Boy Scouts for this project.
2. It was also discussed that police officers should be patrolling the trails on a regular basis. Township Manager Petrucci will speak to the Chief of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department.
3. Look at the Adopt-a-Trail option to help alleviate waste/rubbish/animal feces on the Recreation Trail. Minsi Trail Council could be an option as well as an organization. This could be paired with trail-keepers on the trails. With respect to the trail-keepers, it was noted that there would be safety concerns with representatives confronting the volunteers.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

*There were no members of the public in attendance during this Recreation Board meeting.*

## **V. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager  
Secretary to Recreation Board