

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021** at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, which is located at 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: Robert Cornman, Tony Borger, Robert Farley, Ira Hiberan and Roy Bellis.

Also present were Township Manager, Tom Petrucci (Secretary to the Recreation Board) and Glenn Borger, who is the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Recreation Board.

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**ACTION: Motion was made by Roy Bellis and seconded by Robert Cornman to approve the October 5, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted.**

**Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

**II. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Status Update- Municipal Park Pavilion Project (Reimbursement Request Submitted to Northampton County on 11/30/2021: Status Update- Municipal Park Pavilion Project:**

Tom Petrucci reported that he had submitted a \$34,797.50 (with total project costs of \$75,711.10 including in-kind Road Department labor and equipment) reimbursement request to Northampton County for the Municipal Park Pavilion project. A final inspection is scheduled with Sherry Acevedo for December 21, 2021.

**2. Community Park Pavilion Project: Review of Concept Plan for Septic Drainage Area:**

The Recreation Board reviewed the revised septic drainage area location for the Community Park Pavilion project. The testing area was moved closer to the northern tree line due to the shallow limiting zones in the failed testing area (14" was the test result near the southern tree line- you need 20").

Due to the previous failed testing areas, testing was required for both a primary site and a reserve site, as directed by Tim Craven of PA DEP. The reserve site will provide the long-term sewage needs for the Township as required for the sewage planning module. The reserve area should still be able to be farmed on.

The Recreation Board members provided the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

- Explore non-traditional systems as an alternative. Tony Borger questioned whether a sand mound would be feasible. Tom Petrucci will explore these possibilities with the Sewage Enforcement Officer and report back to the Recreation Board.
- Tony Borger also recommended that an alternate location of the Pavilion should be explored, with the areas along Gap View Road mentioned as possibilities depending on the costs. A secondary parking lot may be required for a revised Pavilion location.
- Ira Hiberman stated that any revised Pavilion location must account for ADA accessibility requirements.
- Tom Petrucci stated that a new parking lot may kick in the NPDES permit requirements if the total disturbance exceeds one (1) acre.

During the Community Park Pavilion discussion, concerns were raised by the members of the Recreation Board concerning the plans of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority to spread Class B biosolids on the former Hower Farm, which is close to both the Farmer's Grove and Community Park. There was an expressed concern about constructing the Pavilion and having the facility negatively impacted by malodors.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Robert Farley and seconded by Robert Cornman to solicit the feedback of both the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Northampton County- both entities that have provided grant funding in the past to Plainfield Township for the infrastructure of Community Park- concerning the plans of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority to spread Class B biosolids on the former Hower Farm. It was suggested that the Township should advocate for the support of these organizations in consideration of the foreseen negative impacts to the Community Park public recreation facility.**

**Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

**3. Goals of Recreation Board for 2022:**

The Recreation Board will discuss its goals for 2022 during the first meeting of the Recreation Board held in 2022.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager/Secretary to Recreation Board