

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Recreation Board was held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** 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: Tony Borger, Robert Cornman, Robert Farley, Ira Hiberman 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. REORGANIZATION:

1. Appointment of Chairman/Chairperson:

ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Roy Bellis to nominate Tony Borger as the Chairman of the Recreation Board for 2022. *Prior to the vote, Bob Cornman asked if there were any further questions or comments.*

Motion approved. Vote 4-0-1, with Tony Borger abstaining.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman/Vice-Chairperson:

ACTION: Motion was made by Roy Bellis and seconded by Robert Farley to nominate Bob Cornman as the Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Board for 2022. *Prior to the vote, Tony Borger asked if there were any further questions or comments.*

Motion approved. Vote 4-0-1, with Bob Cornman abstaining.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Ira Hiberman to approve the December 7, 2021 meeting minutes, with one correction (as noted). *Prior to the vote, Tony Borger asked if there were any further questions or comments.*

Motion approved. Vote 5-0

III. NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Status of West Bangor Memorial Association (Identification of Administrative Tasks, Maintenance Tasks, Future Planning Tasks and Promotion Tasks):

Mr. Andrew Biondo and Joe Palma (and later AnnaMarie Robertone) were in attendance representing the West Bangor Memorial Association in order to discuss the status of their organization with the Recreation Board. A summary of the discussion that occurred is provided as follows:

- Mr. Biondo noted that the West Bangor Veteran's Memorial Association would like to incorporate the administrative and planning tasks associated with the annual West Bangor Memorial Day Services ceremony into the Recreation Board/Board of Supervisors. The Memorial Day Services ceremony has remained substantively the same for about forty (40) years, and there is an identified concern with the current group remaining in place in the future. The Memorial Day Services ceremony has not been held for the last two (2) years due to the liability and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Association would like to simultaneously remove any liability associated with the Association and commence succession planning for when the current group of volunteers are no longer able to serve on the Association. The Township currently owns and maintains the facility, and the Association members plan/hold the Memorial Day Services ceremony event.
- Mr. Biondo identified the fact that the Association generally meets twice per year (once in February/March and once in April) to plan for the Memorial Day Services ceremony. There are minimal administrative/planning tasks that are required- including promotion of the event and scheduling entertainment, which primarily consists of volunteers for the time being. Mr. Biondo expressed the sentiment that there may come a time when the volunteers will no longer be available.
- Tony Borger suggested that the sub-committee should report back to the Recreation Board at the March and May Recreation Board meetings.
- Ira Hiberman inquired as to what costs would be required to hold the event, and it was confirmed by Mr. Biondo and Mr. Palma that no additional costs would be required for this year's event.

- Ira Hiberman suggested that the Pen Argyl Area School District officials should be contacted to ascertain if there is any interest in a partnership between the Association and the District.
- Tony Borger stated that the Association should list three (3) individuals that would serve on the sub-committee, if formed. Mr. Biondo will provide that information.
- Mr. Biondo will provide Tom Petrucci with any necessary administrative items that are required to hold this year's Memorial Day Services ceremony. In addition, he will provide Mr. Petrucci with a summary of the Memorial and the Association to post on the Township website, as suggested by Tony Borger.
- Tom Petrucci will review this matter with the Board of Supervisors to determine the administrative procedures (ex. adopt a Resolution or amend the Recreation Board Ordinance) that would be required to effectuate and memorialize the incorporation of the Association into the Recreation Board.
- As an aside, Tom Petrucci suggested that the Board of Supervisors should consider listing the Memorial site as a separate line item in the 2023 Budget (similar to the current line items of Community Park, Municipal Park, the Farmer's Grove, and the Recreation Trail).
- The Recreation Board discussed the possibility of adding a solar illuminated flag pole to the facility so that the United States Flag could be flown all of the time, pursuant to the United States Flag Code.

ACTION: Motion was made by Bob Cornman and seconded by Ira Hiberman to render a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to incorporate the West Bangor Memorial Association into the Recreation Board as a sub-committee in accordance with the above-referenced discussion. *Prior to the vote, Tony Borger asked if there were any further questions or comments.*

Motion approved. Vote 5-0

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

There were no members of the public in attendance other than Mr. Biondo, Mr. Palma and Mrs. Robertone.

Tony Borger reported that the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League will once again be requesting to utilize the fields at Community Park. Tom Petrucci also reported that the Township had received an inquiry from an organization to use the large baseball field for practices in the

Spring. Mr. Ron DeCeasare had also inquired about the use of the fields for the Green Knight youth baseball league.

V. 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 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager/Secretary to Recreation Board