

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD
February 18, 2025
7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING

The Palmer Township Recreation Board held a General meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Charles Chrin Community Center. The following were in attendance Chair Darryl Keckler, Vice-Chair Dawn Ackerman, Thom Lee and Cheryl Nielsen.

Darryl Keckler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes – January 2025.

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the minutes of January 2025.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Thom Lee, Seconded by Dawn Ackerman
Passed. 4-0.

Board Members voting Ayes: Ackerman, Keckler, Lee, Nielsen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Colin Burke, 1415 Stones Crossing introduced himself as the Vice Chair of the Environmental Steering Committee and informed that he going to all the meetings in Palmer Township to see if they need anything from the ESC and would like to work with the Recreation Board on a daily basis. He enlightened on the Earth Day activities for this year. Lee questioned what is the agenda or goal of the ESC? Burke responded that they plan Earth Day, deal with waterways and wildlife, works with the Palmer Earth Swards who are involved with Palmer Township and who care about the environment. He stated the township is changing and change should be good. He wrote the article in the February Newsletter, "Please Slow Down" and that he invited the Recreation Board to attend an ESC meeting, held at the Municipal Building. Ackerman asked if this was the meeting held on the 4th Wednesday of the month and Burke stated yes, 6:30pm. Ackerman thanked him for coming tonight.

Dave Dumpel, 4 Heritage Lane, introduced himself as the President of the PTAA, according to the new MOU, he is to attend one Recreation Board meeting a year and he is in attendance. Ackerman stated that the Recreation Board is glad to have you and welcomes you to our meeting. Dumpel informed that their PTAA meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and all are welcome.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trees

Nielsen stated that there must be a plan for these trees being planted. Ackerman stated that she thought there was a plan, taking down the pines. Discussion on where trees had been planted recently, surrounding the park and the on the sledding hill. Lee explained that every group has their own agendas, and these trees should not impede recreational space. Nielsen commented that the township planted the trees. Discussion occurred again on the placement. Ackerman informed that recommendations made were not adhered to.

B. Dog Policies

Lee explained that the BOS needs feedback from the Recreation Board. Keckler commented that the signs out there are outdated.

C. Adaptive Equipment

Ackerman stated that the topic of Adaptive Equipment needs to be brought up again, it has stonewalled. The monetary issue needs to be discussed again. Keckler reiterated that Fairview was the main target park. Ackerman explained Adaptive Equipment to the public. Discussion occurred on funding.

4. New Business

INFORMATION

BYOB Policy at the Palmer Township Kiwanis Youth Center

Discussion occurred on the pros and cons, BYOB vs non-BYOB of this policy and went over the handouts from the Township Insurance Company and Township solicitor. Ackerman questioned whether the Kiwanis should be asked. The Recreation Board tabled the discussion until next month.

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5. Egg Hunt
INFORMATION

None

Around the room: None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Nielsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, the motion was seconded by Thom Lee

Board Members voting Ayes: Ackerman, Keckler, Lee, Nielsen
Passed. 4-0.

Next meeting March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lazarus
Corresponding Secretary