

Section	000 Member Participation at Board Meetings
Title	Meetings
Code	006
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Purpose

The Palmerton Memorial Park Association Board of Directors recognizes the importance of involving members of the public in Board meetings. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for proper governance of the pool and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner.

Authority

The Board adopts this policy to ensure the orderly disposition of business before the Board. The Board shall establish guidelines to govern public participation in Board meetings necessary to conduct its meeting and to maintain order.

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, the Board shall provide an opportunity at each open meeting of the Board for members of the public to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board prior to official action by the Board.

Participants wishing to address the Board will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

Each member comment period will be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

If the Board determines there is not sufficient time at a meeting for member comments, the comment period may be deferred to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring before the next regular meeting.

Delegation of Responsibility

The presiding officer at each open Board meeting shall follow Board policy for the conduct of open meetings. Where his/her ruling is disputed, it may be overruled by a majority of those Board members present and voting.

Guidelines

Whenever issues identified by the participant are subject to remediation under policies and procedures of the Board, they shall be dealt with in accordance with those policies and procedures and the organizational structure of the district.

Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name.

Participants are encouraged to direct all statements and questions to the presiding officer and/or to the Board as a whole. The Board members need not respond to participants.

The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, obscene, or constitutes a threat of physical violence; request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; call a recess or adjourn to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and waive these rules with the approval of the Board.

Electronic recording devices and cameras, in addition to those used as official recording devices, shall be permitted at open meetings under guidelines established by the Board.

No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room.