FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NAPLES RONALD J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [PENN] | | | | | | | | | | nip of Reporting P oplicable) ector | | son(s) to Iss 10% Ow | |
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| (Last) 825 BER | ` | First) BLVD, SUITE 20 | (Middle) | | 01/ | /04/2 | 018 | | saction (M | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s below) | | | |
| (Street) WYOMISSING PA 19610 | | | | _ 4. li | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (| | (Zip) le I - No | n-Deri | vative | e Sec | curitie | s Ac | guired, | Dis | posed (| of, or Be | nefic | ially | Owned | <u> </u> | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Trans | | 1 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) | | | 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F | | int of es ally Following | Form (D) o | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | e | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 01/ | | | | 01/0 | 4/2018 | /2018 | | М | | 4,43 | 33 A | | 1) | 5,433 | | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 01/0 | 4/2018 | 8 | | | D | | 4,43 | 3 D | \$30 | 0.33 | .33 1,000 D | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da | Date, | 4. Transactior Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da | Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | De Se (Ir | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisab | | expiration pate | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 01/04/2018 | | | M | | 4,433 | | (1) | T | (1) | Common Stock | 4,43 | 3 | (1) | 13,297 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The recipient receives a cash payment for each phantom stock unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock. Of the original award of phantom stock units, 4,433 units vested on January 4, 2018. The remaining phantom stock units are scheduled to vest as follows: 4,433 units on January 4, 2019; 4,432 units on January 4, 2020; and 4,432 units on January 4, 2021.

> /s/ Christopher Rogers as attorney-in-fact for Ronald J.

01/08/2018

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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