

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

January 15, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 with the following in attendance – Chairman Jeff Young, members Cheryl Nielsen, Rick Bulette and Dan McKinney. Supervisor Liaison Bob Smith was also not in attendance. Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:30. Board agreed to defer election of officers until other members were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November - On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Bulette and agreed by all, the minute of the November meeting were approved as written. There was no December meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Hold until Treasurer is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE –

Palmer Veteran's Softball League – John Kerbaugh of the Palmer Veteran's Softball League submitted their application, insurance and financial statement. Last year they questioned the infield becoming more dirt and the township was against that. They want it to remain grass due to the proximity of the neighbors. Also previous years this league paid \$75 per team. Everything is in order with this league and they supplied their own in-field mix which was a very good mixture. Young suggested the township try out this type for our own fields this year. On motion by McKinney, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the Board approved the request to use Keystone and Tracy fields from April 1 to September 1, 2013 with a fee of \$75 per team.

Adult Recreation – Bulette noted the volleyball league is very excited to get their courts done over this year before their season starts.

Baseball – McKinney noted that registrations have started. Young reported that Bob Johnson is commissioner again this year.

Basketball – Barry Fulmer and Jeff Vincent are trying to help out with this sport.

Softball – Jeff Vincent is also working with this sport.

Field Hockey – season is over.

Development – Board reviewed a sketch of two t-ball fields in Woodridge Falls development off of Grandview Drive right as you enter off of Freemansburg Avenue. Board needs to okay the placement of the proposed tot lot that the township wants in this area with the ball fields. Nielsen motioned and Bulette seconded the motion that the layout that was provided be approved with the two t-ball fields and the tot lot. There was discussion on this and the Board then questioned the parking in this area. There is limited space and there seems to be a lot of spectators for t-ball games. Young suggested this is be used just for practice and not the actual games. Nielsen rescinded her motion as well as Bulette. Nielsen then motioned to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the layout of one t-ball field and the proposed tot lot be approved and possibly have something put aside for a future t-ball field if Recreation Board feels it is warranted. Board would like the Planning Director and Public Services Director to review this recommendation since this Board has concerns on parking on the roadway. Bulette seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Community Center – McKinney distributed a handout on the ROC Social Club which is an adult social club that runs various types of adult leagues throughout the year such as dodgeball, kickball, basketball, etc. McKinney thought having an adult basketball league and utilizing township facilities is a great idea. Young noted years ago we had one and agrees with McKinney. Also having a league using our basketball courts at Fairview Park is a good way to deter any problems that could occur there with the kids hanging out. They could use Fairview Park court and the Community Center for rain days.

McKinney highly recommends this organization. McKinney motioned that Palmer Township begin a working relationship with this organization and that all fees for any sport they will be playing in Palmer be at the discretion of the Community Center Director with these fees going to an account to be determined. Motion was seconded by Bulette and agreed by all.

McKinney then distributed a flyer from the organization 3v3 Live National Soccer Tours that holds national soccer tournaments. They are hold one in Palmer Township at the community center on February 23. McKinney explained to the Board that he was speaking with the soccer commissioner and asked him to distribute this flyer to all his soccer players. The commissioner refused to do this and further stated that the AA does not support the township running a tournament through the Community Center. McKinney further stated that he had a discussion with Marc Knox who questioned why the off season sports money that was left over, didn't go back to the soccer. McKinney stated all off season sports money that is collected stays with the township. The Community Center is not their own entity, it is considered "the township" so saying that the community center should not hold tournaments is saying the township should not hold tournaments. Also, who supplies and pays for the insurance for these off season sports. The Community Center only does the registration for these sports, they don't run them. They collect their \$5 per registration. So where should the remaining money go? Should that particular sport spend all the money for supplies? Should it stay with the township? There are a lot of questions to be answered.

McKinney also commented that for those that don't know, the registration program at the community center can do so much for each sport. If anyone has any questions as to what it can do such as sending out reminders, emails etc., please contact Dan and discuss this.

Miracle League – Opening day is April 27. They recently held a Movie night at the community center and they have had various events throughout the off months. There are events planned for the year.

Pool – McKinney reported that the township was going to try to raise some money by renting the pool in the mornings for a swimming league.

Budget – Young asked that all approved budgets to all to the Recreation Board and to Lori Fulmer of the AA for her to distribute to all commissioners.

New Business – Nothing.

On motion by Nielsen, seconded by McKinney, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Diane Grube, Corr. Secretary