

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

January 17th, 2017 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Members Thomas Lee, Mike Weaver, Liam Brohan and Rick Bulette. Also in attendance was the Director of Parks and Recreation Dan McKinney.

Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes – Nielsen makes a motion to approve August 2016 minutes, Bulette motioned and Brohan second to approve motion. Motion carried.

Public comment- n/a

New Business- Recreation Board Members Re-organization.

Chairperson: Cheryl Nielsen, Recommended by Lee; 2nd by Weber...APPROVED.

Vice Chairman: Thom Lee, Recommended by Weber; 2nd by Bulette..APPROVED.

Secretary: Liam Brohan, Recommended by Nielsen; 2nd by Weber..APPROVED.

Dan McKinney to notify township so they can update the website.

Directors Report – McKinney –Pool construction under way and is currently about 40% complete. Based on the current progress McKinney does not see any issues with the pool opening for Memorial Day Weekend. Recreation board members suggest a special “Open House” party to launch our new community pool. Would like to put a bunch of umbrellas in for more shade, will have to see what the budget is like when we get to that point.

Dan-Relationship between Rec board and AA to be better defined.

Cheryl- Recreation board members to recommend a policy for the BOS to review. How is the money regulated? Are there formal filings? Does the treasurers report from the AA include concession stand proceeds, wrestling tournament proceeds, soccer tournament proceeds, x-mas tree sales, Beer sales (Palmer days)...etc

Thom- Seems that the AA is making decisions on how to spend township (taxpayers) dollars without any accountability. i.e: donations, outing events...etc. I believe they should just run the town sports!

Thom- With a 30% increase in taxes for Palmer residence and a surplus of \$180K in the AA fund, it concerns me that we will be issuing the AA another \$100K check for sports registration fees

when the township is picking up the tab for all the facilities, referee fee's, uniform's
..etc...etc...etc...

Thom to Liam- When you have time can you help me draft a request to the board of Supervisors that Dan can submit at the next meeting.

You had some good points, and as our new secretary, I'm hoping we can draft a non-confrontational request that will begin to set some guideline between the Recreation board and the AA.

Thom- With the addition of the multipurpose fields, the Rec board believes there should be defined parameters set forth for the use of the fields as well as the relationship between the AA and the township. Seems to be a tremendous amount of confusion and uncertainty on who governs who?

Liam- Are we asking the AA to have a special set of rules for requesting the "new" all purpose field? Or will they use the existing process for securing a field? I assume the rules are in place for the request for all the existing fields/gyms etc.

Thom- (I think we should start by asking what is the current protocol for AA when requiring a Gym or field for a sporting event practice or a fund raising tournament)

Cheryl----A limit must be set or they will monopolize the field. But-- it must be discussed how much revenue we need each year for the escrow fund for field replacement and when it can be rented or if the BOS wants to let the AA have it. We advise we don't consent!

Liam- In addition to the use of facilities we had discussed the AA finances last night. I think we need to talk about this. I believe the By-Laws that the AA created spell this out.

Thom- I'm not concerned about the AA By-laws, we are appointed officials of Palmer Township and I believe part of our responsibility as written and posted in the towns by-laws state "The Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for managing the funds budgeted for recreational purposes within the township. They also advise the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on the location of parks within new developments, where required. They coordinate activities with the Palmer Athletic Association."

Cheryl-These are the old guidelines It was never up dated on the web page. The question is-do they need township money when they have so much money in their account?.....

2-2-2 Committee Report – No meetings held for the last 6-months. Bulette- suggest that monthly meetings were working well and believes was helpful in supporting all these new investments in our town. He would like to see the meeting start again this month.

Old Business – N/A

Next meeting Tuesday , February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Nielsen motions to adjourn, Brohan & Weaver second motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Thom Lee: Corresponding Secretary