

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

January 19th, 2016 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Members Rick Bulette, Jeff Vincent, & Liam Brohan. Also in attendance were Township Supervisor Bob Smith and Director of Parks and Recreation Dan McKinney.

Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve November minutes, Vincent and Bulette second motion to approve. Motion carried.

Reorganization – Bill Webb Chair, Cheryl Nielsen Vice Chair, Thom Lee, Secretary, Ariel Kollar Corresponding Secretary. Nielson motions to approve, Brohan & Bulette second motion to keep these officers for 2016.

Public comment- n/a

Directors Report:

- **Final Park Rules-** Should parks be available to people when there are no permits for that day OR must people have a permit to use the space. Vincent – should we have rules for an identity of each park? Nielsen – are there enough tables for 150 people under the pavilion. What about tables being moved? Smith- we are going to anchor them down so that won't be able to happen. McKinney – If you have a permit you've acknowledged receiving the rules and policies. Smith – The biggest issue is the clean up after these events.
- **Park Signage-** where will we post rules/policies in the parks.
- **NPDES Update- McKinney** – Going to a meeting tomorrow, January 20th, at 10:00am with Bethlehem Township because the fields are in their property. Brian Dylan will be part of this meeting. Smith – need to get copies from both townships' engineers. Smith – If the meeting is tomorrow they will probably have some information. Brohan – Will this be the approval for beginning this project? Smith – Yes, we need them to sign off to move forward. Brohan – When does ground breaking happen? Smith – Once we get the final permit through the state then we can begin. This is for the development of the

groundwork to start this project. Smith – Looking into the summer before beginning anything. Once its approved it goes out for bid. Brohan – Still hopes for 2017? Smith and McKinney- Yes it has to be done per the permit, stage 1 walking path need to be done this year. We will lose the 2nd grant if we don't complete this project. McKinney – Once this is all approved its really only a matter of a few weeks to complete the project. Brohan – Did they finalize the extra parking lot? McKinney - That project was eliminated. Bulette – When does the work on the other entrance to the community center begin? Smith – Also going to be part of this process.

- **Tree Lighting-** Really great event this year, we had about 400 people attend. Had a good mix of things happening.

2-2-2 Committee Report – Bulette – Haven't had a meeting yet.

Egg Hunt – Candy has been ordered, and eggs to be delivered soon. The egg hunt is Friday March 25th, 2016. Smith – If it rains, the issue for having it at the CCCC is the amount of people that attend.

Recreation Development Fund - \$860,431.00

New Business – Smith – The ITT redevelopment has been proposed with 400 units and hasn't been approved yet. There is a lot of opposition right now. People want to leave it as an industrial building.

Smith – Chuck Romfo (Athletic Association President) and McKinney met about the Palmer Athletic Association wrestling mats and storing them at the CCCC in the gym ceilings, it's a doable thing but it will be some work. Met with an installer, and it's going to be some engineering and electrical work which will be a hurdle. It will be nice to have them off the floor; they'll go up into the ceiling after each use.

Smith – Baseball season is coming up, not sure on numbers yet, went to Fairview two weeks ago, the ground is really soft in the areas that we seeded. Hopefully come spring the ground will firm up. We won't be able to start right away on that field if they don't. Nielsen - do we put in a bid for the other field? Smith – the varsity field will not be available, Blue Mountain is looking, and some others so there will be limited use. The track is going to get used hard. Lots of people looking for field space. Field 8 down by the field garage would have to be back up states Vincent. Nielsen - What about the houses behind there? Smith – That's something we'll have to

keep on top of. What are we currently running, legion, jr. legion, and Bushkill Valley? Vincent - Numbers aren't in for that yet. Smith - Need to get the numbers to figure out the field usage. The other problem will be that Hackett Park may not be usable, that field is in bad shape.

Bulette - Is there any news about the pool? McKinney - Next meeting we'll have the proposed plan for the pool. Brohan - Is it privately or publicly funded? Smith - Going into the budget we knew dollars would be tight, but we went out and bonds have dropped again so we contacted our bond council and were able to reorganize existing bonds and refinance. Brohan - Refinanced debt and came up with \$1.6 million dollars for the pool project. Smith - We lumped together a bunch of projects that need to be finished. McKinney, it's the same size pool broken into different segments, and eliminating the baby pool. The pool guy said that a 50-meter pool was going to be great, and no one has used it yet in the past 5 years.

Old Business - N/A

Next meeting Tuesday February 16th at 7:00pm.

Nielsen motions to adjourn, Bulette and Vincent second motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Ariel Kollar, Corresponding Secretary