

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

February 16th, 2016 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Members Rick Bulette, Thom Lee, Mike Weaver & 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 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve January 2016 minutes, Bulette and Liam second motion to approve. Motion carried.

Public comment- n/a

Directors Report:

- Pool Development – Meeting with the company Wade and Associates who are doing our pool. Tom Adams and Chris Christman – Gave them ideas and they sent back a mock up of the pool. This is time sensitive; we need to bring this to the BOS next week. The current pool structure, the proposal is to make a zero entry area, add some fountains and gradually deepen with multiple water features.
- Picked particular features for certain reasons and popularity. Handicap accessible entrance. We'd be able to do rehab exercises.
- Instead of a 50 meter pool, it will now be a 25 meter pool. It will have a whole new pool bottom. Will have a plaster bottom and won't have to be painted every year now, will have colored tiles.
- Talking about new anchors for starting blocks because we currently have a homemade situation and liability issues.
- Will have a slide area, 4ft depth. Wall will have a bench built right into the pool. 1 diving board, all new decking and return system.
- Bob Smith – in our 3 hour meeting with them we brought up ideas, and they came back with what works and what make sense. This is the same group who did Nazareth's pool. Lee,

reason for 1 diving board? Smith said we should slide the board over and add climbing walls and comes out over the pool.

- More features will add a lifeguard for each. One of our tasks is a recommendation for this area; 2 diving boards, 1 diving board and the climbing wall, or a drop slide incorporated. Something for thought, the slide, you could have 2 slides in one area.
- With this set up we would be able to have swim practice and open the pool early at like 11:00am. Brohan – if there is a swim meet would the deep end be open?
- Lee – Will the slide have two entrances? It will be one and two different height slides and come out different tubes. With be accessible for more kids this way, Smith the tubes are closed for safety. Smith – the issue with a 1 slide is that there would be a long line; with two we can alleviate some of that.
- Lee – shortening the lanes? Will that take away from interest in holding meets? McKinney – it won't affect us because it's not in demand. We have someone who brought it up but has yet to hold something.
- Smith – we didn't have an ADA compliant changing or bath area, will be switching over to ADA compliant bathroom, and a ramp from up top down to the pool. All ADA compliant.
- All new lifeguard chairs. The baby pool will be gone.
- Smith – A major complaint at the pool was about shade, we are putting in some large umbrellas around the pool area. Nielsen – are umbrellas on the cost sheet? Smith says that they aren't very costly.

What do we want to recommend? Lee – it's a big area and there will be a lot of people, I suggest at least 2 activities, and 2 diving boards, or this wall but I'm not well informed on it.

Nielsen – how many lifeguards would be at this station,

McKinney – There would be 2 and 1 up on the top of the slide.

Smith – all the lifeguard chairs are being changed.

Using existing pumps, want to make sure there are no issues, all the plumbing will be changed. Brohan – Are we still going with Chlorine? Smith – the salt is hard to maintain so it is not recommended. McKinney – other things need to be addressed like the land and sinkholes around the area, there is some extra

in the budget to take care of it. McKinney states that the pool is turning over water every 8 hours but should only be 6 hours.

Rolled over the bond debt for the pool and finishing the center and the turf field, and some other projects. Refinanced with an extension of 4 years, we were \$14,000 more a year. McKinney – it's a good time to borrow money.

There is a change up for a family friendly unisex bathroom to change your kids. Smith – the place needs a face-lift and new signage.

The biggest part of the pool will be the summer camp and it will be great for them and the members of the pool.

This project will begin the day they close the pool and work through the winter and guarantee an opening for the following season. Brohan – using the same shell for the pool? Smith – yes. Lee – going out for bid? Smith – yes it will be about June or July before we lock it all in. McKinney we have until September for any final details. Smith – if we make any changes to the double slide, they will do a new artist conception of the pool. Can make minor changes in that time frame. I didn't think this would happen for a while and it's really exciting that it worked out so well.

Smith – they did say about that very few pools have the depth we do to do the rock wall. Is there an age restriction? Don't think so.

Our depth is going to change because it's not currently up to code for diving and flips.

Neilsen – what are they using to close that area off? McKinney – floating ropes. Brohan – wouldn't be a race lane, it would just be a dead lane. There are 6 lanes and 1 dead lane.

McKinney – we can look at more things at the next meeting and add some theme area for the kid features. Smith – every water feature has a valve body in the decking so you can turn them on

and off. We asked the guy who operates the pool and drilled them with a lot of good questions.

McKinney – maybe adding some piping down the road from other groups, the BIP had some interest. Cheryl made a good point that we are doing this once and it's going to be up for a while. Lee – hard to make a recommendation on something we've never heard or seen of before.

The recreation board makes a motion for a recommendation in favor of the double slide, recommending two features in the deep end to be determined. Motion to adopt the proposal to include 2 tube slides, 1 diving board, and 1 additional water feature in the deep end to be determined. Lee makes a motion to accept the motion and Brohan seconds the motion, Nielsen motions to accept minor changes to double slide, and determine other water features in deep end. Motion carried.

Brohan – basketball court needs to be updated. Weaver – there should be a volleyball court.

- **Firearm Shows** – Springfield, MA, the run a huge show, and he's bringing it here in April, hiring police and taking care of parking, and paying us 10K a weekend to hold this event. Very reputable guy to work with. Dave, Smith, and Chris went to the Harrisburg outdoor show to see what it was like, and it was a massive show. Very professional with lots of big name displays there, no issues. Smith – don't think we'll have issues here with this show. The draw for these events is really amazing. Field to be uses weather permitting. Lee – How will they handle purchasing guns here? Smith – they have local vendors so that people can buy them and pick them up locally once paperwork is cleared. McKinney – he'll have ads all over.
- **Tennis Courts** – McKinney – Just spoke with Scott Kistler and talked about cutting down the trees and when it's going to happen. We are going to go down and survey the area. Once that it done I think this group can really make something of the tennis court. It could be really nice, good parking and space. Would make a good spot for programs.

- **NPDES Permit** – Spoke to the engineering firm from Palmer, it was kicked back from original submission, he said it's pretty much standard operation procedure and they have to make changes and send back to the state. Now looking at August which will give us September October to make this happen. After it is submitted this time with changes and accepted by the state, once it comes back we will be good to go. For construction companies it doesn't take long to get the walking path done. Has to happen in 2016 or we lose the 243,000 grant. Nielsen – can't we put a path down and then tear it up if we have to? McKinney – everything has to be done and be permitted. Brohan – we'll still have the paths in by the end of the year? Will it give us enough time to get them in once the permit comes back? Smith – yes it will, it will only take a few weeks and we have someone outside coming to do it. Lee – so right now there is no concern about this not being done? Smith - it will be done and we borrowed the money to make this happen. It has to happen. Brohan – are we optimistic about the field being done for 2017. McKinney – yes.

McKinney – turf fields, way to make them safe and everyone happy. Once the plan becomes official we will be bombarded with it. They make different kind of fills that are safe to use, but costly. Nielsen – if it's worth the safety then why not. Bulette- there will be some fallback from it. When you're a public entity you have to be on the wayside of caution. Smith – there is someone interested in bidding and just did the field at Fairview and he has some different options. He's anxious to bid in that project. Says he can show what needs to be done.

2-2-2 Committee Report – Did not meet yet.

Egg Hunt – Candy to be delivered Friday before event. 8,000 eggs.

Recreation Development Fund - \$860,431.00

New Business – N/A

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Next meeting Tuesday March 15th at 7:00pm.

Nielsen motions to adjourn, Lee & Weaver and second motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Ariel Kollar, Corresponding Secretary