

## **PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:30 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: President Bill Webb, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Nielsen, Members Rick Bulette, Mike Weaver, Thom Lee, and Liam Brohan. Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Dan McKinney. Athletic Association President, Chuck Romfo. Tom Adams & Bob Smith.

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

Webb approval of minutes – Motion to accept Bulette, Brohan.

Public Comment & Correspondence – McKinney – 4 years ago Palmer received grant to update pool, \$500,000 for Palmer to match, Adams, that wasn't going to help with the pool updates. Moved on for a new project, settled on a basketball/tennis court complex on the north side of the building. Significant public opposition. Also didn't work, came back to recreation board who decided on turf field. Then got lighting involved, spillage was a problem. Have another empty area for a small turf field, which then turned into a full size soccer field (and potentially other sports use). Larger baseball field also interest. Grant has been around for just about 4 years, granters waiting. Adams – area was designed for two turf fields.

Phil Pirro- Applied Landscaping contractor, does turf fields. Helps with type and style of turf for fields. (Lee – Turf product, price point, company itself, and everything you need for this project. Recommendation, Shaw industries does top surface) Build the basis for the field.

Gives a presentation on the project mission. Company represents a safe environment for children, township, residents and visitors. There is a website for backing on this being safe for children. Have resources on safety. Timeline of production. Emphasis on turf builders and constructors.

Adams – Portable fencing option? Why turf vs. natural grass... playability. It can be played in the rain and not destroy the fields. Doesn't need the upkeep like grass does. (200-300 plays a year) 3500 a year for maintenance costs. Fields guaranteed for 8 years (would last 10-12) The fibers eventually break down from the UV. \$320,000 to replace the field. Have seen people get \$300-\$400 an hour for renting the fields out.

Phil Pirro of Applied Landscape Technologies, an installer for Shaw Sports Turf, presented a power point presentation on the process of preparing the field and the laying of the turf. Time- approximately 30 days. He had plans for both soccer and baseball fields.

Lee Defrietas of Shaw Sports Turf informed us about his company and that it is all made in the USA. He brought us samples of the turf. We felt that we should use 2" pile height, Legion Turf, which is a blended, slim film, mono fiber field.

To even consider a turf field a plan for a revenue stream must be used for eventual replacement costs of the turf- 8-12 years in the future. Need approx. \$30,000 plus \$3,500 maintenance costs. The cost of the field with lights and fence is about 1 million dollars.

We spoke with Tom Adams he said he would as Piddock, township engineers, for the run off rates.

On a motion by Brohan, seconded by Bulette and agreed by all that we put 2 all-purpose fields on the west end of CCCC if the drainage allows. Plan B is a combo field.

Nielsen asked the Board about the possibility of installing walk ways from the east parking lot to the building. The members of the Ambassadors Club park in this lot for their meetings. They continually cut across the grass and walk around snow mounds. It would be safer with crosswalks. It was agreed by the Board to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to install paths from the parking lot to CCCC.

2-2-2 Committee Bulette reported they used our old "Travel" list as a guide of what the Rec Board saw as things that needed to be improved. Some needs beside those were:

1. Bleachers at the All-Purpose Field
2. Improve Fairview Park baseball infield.
3. Field 5 infield.

AA wants are benches at Briarcliff tee ball fields.

A review of the rules and procedures of the 2-2-2 committee should be reviewed.

Egg Hunt—Candy is ordered. April 3 at 8:15. Palmer School.

An e-mail invite will be coming for egg filling to members of the Rec Board for the egg filling party.

Motion to adjourn by Lee and second by Vincent at 10:39 PM, all Agreed.

Ariel Shulman, Corresponding Secretary