

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

April 16th, 2016 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, April 16th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chair Cheryl Nielsen, Members Thomas Lee, Mike Weaver & Liam Brohan. 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 March 2016 minutes, Bulette and Lee second to approve motion. Motion carried.

Public comment- n/a

Directors Report – McKinney – Wade and Associates (The company working on the pool renovations) came to the BOS meeting on April 11th, and they presented the pool plans to them. They approved the concept of the pool. Final decisions do not have to be made until July or August on the specific pool features.

The downside to the climbing wall option is that it takes a while for people to use it, and slides can get multiple kids through in a short amount of time. We can go out to Effort, PA to go look at these features, there is a pool there with the different features. We should make our formal recommendation in June for the choices. Next meeting we will have examples of different drop slips that can go in.

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.

NPDES – The walking path needs to be around by the end of September early October. We can't be waiting until December 31st to get receipts in. Nothing else can happen until it's approved. There's a process to build and break ground here because of the run off and the different surfaces and accommodations that will have to be made in construction, then the cost of projects go up increasingly. But again, nothing will happen unless the walking path is completed in 2016. Brohan – Does the state have a required turn around?

Lee – How do we get the local public to be aware if they aren't coming to meetings and hearing what's happening. McKinney – The public can't help do anything, and all the information and permits have already been filed. It wouldn't change anything.

Brohan – Can we request an update from the BOS? A motion to request an update on the status of the NPDES permit and what we can do to help move it along. We are concerned about the timeline. Second by Lee. Nielsen – motion carried.

Lee – if we lose the grants through Northampton County, will we still have enough through bonds to complete these other projects?

Brohan – has anyone gone out to meet with them to see the updates? McKinney – the Township Engineer (Tom Adams) has been working with them directly. Lee – Is Chris Christman involved with the Engineer and the process of this project?

Fairview Tennis Courts – Scott Kistler, Supervisor of Public Works, Is getting an estimate for the acrylic coating on the courts.

Firearm Show – They anticipated a large attendance, and it didn't turn out that way. They were lacking in some advertising, not sure if they are coming back for another show.

Dog Park – The recreation board has evaluated areas for the dog park and there was no area suitable to have it and for the BOS to approve. Brohan – we did recommend the place near Riverview, but did not work out because of the gun range and some other things.

Miracle League – We are doing an event with Palmer Township Tee-ball, letting them play on the Miracle League field and going to grill out. Palmer AA provides 3 teams of buddies to help out and volunteer during Miracle League games. Would like to come back after this event and see if the recreation board would like to throw some recreation funds out for events like this in the future.

2-2-2 Committee Report – No meeting.

Egg Hunt Review – It did end up raining. We did get some complaints from those of youngest age groups whose parent's take them right out to get eggs before it begins. We will have to buy new eggs for next year.

New Business – A township resident has a young child and she liked Wolfs Run and the tot lot but said it could use some paint and freshening up.

Old Business – N/A

Next meeting Tuesday May 17th at 7:00pm.

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

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