

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION MEETING
April 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held at on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chairman Bill Webb, Treasurer Bob Johnson, Secretary Cheryl Nielsen, members Marc Knox and Rick Bulette. Also present was Supervisor Liaison Bob Smith. Webb convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH - On motion by Knox, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the minutes of the March meeting were approved as written. Bulette wanted to state that he was very impressed with the Egg Hunt and how everyone helped and the children were great. It was a great job organizing by Cheryl.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Johnson reported that there were no changes to the report that was sent from the township, everything was accounted for. Nielsen asked about the balance in baseball and was told the charges would be for the following month. On motion by Knox, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the treasurer's report was approved as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE –

The Township had put dirt in and seeded Keystone field and the Veteran's League has to wait until the grass grows before they can start their season. They received approval from this Board to start the end of April but they may have to go into May to start which would then extend their season into October. Would this be a problem? Knox stated it would not with soccer since they would be going to Fox Hill this year. On motion by Knox, seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, the Board voted to approve this extension if necessary.

Catz Camp Request - Kelly Cameron was present in place of Tom Lisinicchia requesting the use of two fields at the Palmer Complex for the Catz Clinic. This is scheduled for June 11 – 15 from 9 to noon. Ages would range from 6 to 14. Board stated in the past we had not charged any field fees and the money went to the Catz League. Kelly stated that they would be willing to do a pitching clinic for the Palmer players if they would like them to. Johnson was very interested in this. On motion by Knox, seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, the Board approved the request for two fields at the Palmer Complex with no fees to be paid. Nielsen stated they should check with the Community Center to see if there were any rooms available in case of rain for the pitching clinic. Ages for this would be 9 – 12.

Adult Recreation – Diane discussed with the Board the recent problems at Riverview Park as far as the garbage, policing of the grounds and alcohol during a very large tournament. This has to be taken care of. The park was a mess, problems in the bathrooms. Board stated from now on the liaison must be notified when there is a tournament and be informed of the specifics such as how many teams. The Board also

agreed that for tournaments being held with over 8 teams there must be port-a-potties in place of using the bathrooms and the league holding the tournament must have some type of security there to police the grounds. They are responsible for the condition of the field/park. If any league feels the need to have alcohol at their games they must secure the permit, if it is available, from the Municipal Building but this is only good for the pavilion and only for Penn Pump Park or Riverview Park. Absolutely no alcohol is permitted on the baseball fields. The township will not tolerate this type of conduct in their parks and will void any permits for usage of the fields/courts due to rules and safety if this continues in the future. This notice will be sent out to all adult sport leagues. This is putting them on notice and the police will be notified of it. Knox stated during soccer tournaments the bathrooms are locked and the port-a-pots are placed in front of the bathrooms. This prevents any damage done to the bathrooms as well as having to clean them every hour with the crowds that are in attendance. On motion by Johnson, seconded by Knox, and agreed by all, the Board approved this notice being sent to all adult sports.

Baseball – Johnson reported that the 12 and under teams are starting Thursday. He noted that the Palmer Derby Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at Palmer Complex. Smith stated that the Legion Prep was disbanded due to low numbers; Bushkill Valley has 2 teams and are starting tomorrow and Connie Mack starts next week. The Senior Legion cannot start until school is over.

Egg Hunt – Nielsen reported that it was a great day with a great turnout!!! We had enough candy for 600 and there were approximately 9,000 eggs put out. She did state that something needs to be changed for next year as far as the announcing. Dave Colver announces where the various groups are and there are so many people the ones way in the back can't hear. This is something to think about for next year. She thanked everyone for helping.

Maintenance – Smith reported that all the fields are ready for playing. The field house is ready for the conduit which the AA is doing and pouring the concrete slab in storage building and press box. The football field was sprayed and the next step is to get it milled. Bids will be out shortly for this work. The well is doing well but it has a few pockets so it will be dropped 10 feet more and the pressure is fine. If the sod is installed by the end of July this still gives the football program plenty of time. The sod only needs 2 weeks to set in. The field will be moved northwest to get the correct crown for drainage. Derby Day will have to be moved away from there since there will be on-going work being done to this field and it should not have foot traffic on it. Discussed placing the derby on fields 7 and 8 and having a generator set up for use. Knox stated soccer has a generator they can use. Also it may be a good idea to have a tent put up.

Softball – Johnson reported that they are practicing and games start this week.

Soccer – Knox reported he is going to attend a league meeting. The EPY switched from a company that ran their registrations back to the old company and the charges for the players were raised an additional \$4 for each. This extra cost was not included in the budget and he also stated that the money that was embezzled has been returned. He also

stated that he and Chuck Romfo will be attending the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 24th to discuss the younger age groups.

LaCrosse – Knox stated that the field is in great shape and this just shows that it is a good idea to keep off of it for a year.

On motion by Johnson, seconded by Knox, and agreed by all, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Diane Grube, Corr. Sec.