

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION MEETING
April 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held at on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Jeff Young, Treasurer Bob Johnson and members Cheryl Nielsen and Bill Webb. Young called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH - On motion Webb, seconded by Johnson, and agreed by three, Nielsen abstaining as she was not at the meeting, the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The report distributed for first three months of 2011. Johnson stated the report will be computerized for next month. Nielsen asked about the new wrestling mat. The remaining came out of the money that was put in budget for a mat rack. On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Webb, agreed by all the reports for the first three months of 2011 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE –

Request for field use –

Palmer Complex Fields – Tom Lissinchia was present asking for the use of fields 1 and possible 7 at the Palmer Complex for the Lehigh Valley Catz to use for a camp from June 20 to 24 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Everything will be the same as last year - \$10 for every sign up will go to the AA program. Tom stated his appreciation to Johnson for the great job he did that weekend. It may be a good idea to have the Catz at the Home Run Derby Day. Tom will check into this. On motion by Webb, seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, the Board approved the use of fields 1 and 7 for the Catz camp in June.

Forks Softball – USSSA – LaBarre and Fairview Use – Forks was running a tournament and needed a place for the overflow. They knew that if it rained on Saturday they were not allowed to play; Young noted LaBarre field was in good shape and they cleaned up Fairview field. The teams did play. On motion by Johnson, seconded by Webb, and agreed by all, the Board ratified the approval that they gave to Forks Softball to use the fields for April 16 and 17.

Roy Cortez – LaBarre Park field usage. There was a request by Cortez for his league to use LaBarre field for Mondays and Wednesdays starting in May until September at 10:00 a.m. so there is no interference with any leagues playing there. Everything will be the same as last year. Young stated they take excellent care of the field and help maintain it. On motion by Johnson, seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, the Board approved this request. Grube will get in touch with Cortez for the fee.

Adult Recreation – Nielsen asked about Riverview Park grates in the grills. Can these be replaced? They are all rusted out. Grube to inform the department about this.

Baseball – Trying to get the practices in. Season starts next week. Field use is such an issue. Commissioners need to know what is going on with field 5 and 6. Bushkill Valley home games do not start until April 30. There are some Palmer kids are going to Forks.

Basketball – Webb reported that the season over and he will be getting to the Center to get dates for next year.

Egg Hunt – Friday, April 22 – set up 8:30 a.m. – Candy will be delivered on Wednesday. No rain expected so it will be held at the Palmer School complex.

Maintenance – Young reported that he has been getting complaints that the fields not ready yet and he is telling the coaches that they will be done when they can get to them!! The weather is not cooperating. Guys do a great job so everyone has to be patient.

Softball – Young reported on the sport and talked about the 13 and 14 – a & b teams. Trying to get more players but if needed they can pull from lower teams.

Wrestling – Webb reported that the mats came in and are being stored in municipal building. McKinney stated that the recent “rumble” that they held at the center was great. Webb noted it will be held here every other year.

Playground – Nielsen noted that it will continue one more year and we have instructors.

New Business –

Young stated he spoke with the township manager about 2 months ago in regards to the new members – status of this? His feelings is that the Board of Supervisors does the appointing of the vacancies not this Board. Grube will speak with him Wednesday about putting a blurb in the newsletter, on the web and a notice at the Community Center.

Young feels this Board should get together shortly on planning in recreation; things like possible expansion of the Center; anything else that someone may think of. Feels this should get done since the Recreation Plan needs to be done again shortly. He would also like to do a park tour throughout the township to get some ideas of what is needed.

Melissa Johnson, Bob’s daughter was in the audience for a school government class to see how meeting were conducted. Young explained what the Recreation Board’s duties were and how meetings were run. Told her she should visit Board of Supervisors’ meetings as well since they are conducted differently.

Old Business –

Need to work on 2/2/2 committee. Johnson stated he would like to be a part of it. Young stated the six need to get together and get a frame work for this committee so we know what we are working for.

Webb has a suggestion for field 5. Why not change this field to a softball field and put Bushkill Valley at LaBarre. Make it a permanent change. It won't interfere with the football field. Young thought this was a good idea. Need to think about this for next season. Would have to put up a fence at field 5.

Field house work – Webb asked who was doing this work. Would like whoever is doing it to work with the wrestling people to make sure the rooms are the correct size for the mats. The Board really needs to know what is going on. What about the press box? This definitely has to come before this Board.

Nielsen felt there still need blacktopped paths to go to baseball fields. It is difficult for people to walk to fields.

McKinney and the Board talked about the Miracle league and he noted that they are going forward with this quite well.

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

Diane Grube, Corr. Secretary