

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

June 16, 2015 7:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: President Bill Webb, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Nielsen, Members Thomas Lee, Jeff Vincent, Rick Bulette, and Liam Brohan. Also in attendance were Supervisor Bob Smith and Director of Parks and Recreation Dan McKinney.

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

Webb, approval of minutes – Nielsen & Brohan second motion approval.

Public Comment & Correspondence – n/a

CCCC Site Review – McKinney – Update on the the grant from Northampton County; had a meeting with the advisory board on May 15th; had to go back and say here is the amended plan; talked to Brian Cope from Northampton County; strongly advised us to use the initial \$248,000 to complete the walking path and to eliminate the turf plan. Phase one \$248K to complete the path and phase 2 would be \$370,000 for the turf field. Went and proposed to the Northampton County advisory board, and if they don't make the recommendation the funding and plans get cut off.

Completing the whole walking path around the site, the new entrance and Laubach Lane will connect the path. The Township has to match it and it will be a \$500,000 project. There will be water access and a few other additions. This has to be completed, built, and spent by the end of 2017, the walking path and the multi purpose field. Can't apply for the phase 2 grant until phase 1 is complete. Webb – Can the walking path be done before winter? Smith – Excavation will have to be complete before working on the path can begin. Bulette – How can we speed up the process? Smith – The Township is concerned about applying the money to the path, and then not having the money for the field.

Smith – The walking path will have multiple benefits and uses. Additional recreation funds are coming. Need to be able to get on Northampton County committees agenda before you can begin, and has to be completed by 2017.

2-2-2-Committee Report – Smith – 2-2-2 met on 6/16 and determined recommendation, going to charge ahead for dugouts at Fairview – Lighting

the dugouts; infield area, \$17,430, sottering and sprinkling systems. Clay mound and clay batting area, all new bases and infield mix, new grass inside. Good quoted price. The 2-2-2 was looking at the Fairview project, dugouts cost \$86,000 and infield is \$17,000 and \$3,000 or 4,000k for electric and a number of other costs. The project is growing, spoke to Township Supervisor Chris Christman and Township Engineer Tom Adams, there is some available recreation funds to free up some money for this project, without depleting the whole fund. The best thing for them to do will be for the 2-2-2 to pay the \$17,240 and be their contribution to the project, the recommendation will go back to the AA.

2 additional pads, The Township will do one in macadam for bleachers and one in concrete for bleachers. Waiting for the last of the plans and making the dugout larger. If the Recreation board is in favor it will bring to their attention that the 2-2-2 will contribute to start the project.

Webb – Will that field be available for fall then?; Smith – It will not, everything has already been moved; we would like to get this all finished for Community Weekend. Also we are going to put in two dugout areas and adding on to the batting cages, this way two teams can bat, or softball and baseball can do it at the same time. Webb – Is there a way to have a bullpen on the visitors side?; Smith – There is not enough room. Webb – Has anyone thought about grass baselines and would it affect the cost? Webb – On game days closing the strip parking lot; Smith – Parking will be an issue.

Smith – 2-2-2; will need benches once the dugouts are built, and pocket shelving, the 2-2-2 would consider contributing to this as well.

Webb – Motion to move forward with recommendation – Cheryl seconds motion to move forward to having the infield and then recreation fees on dugouts and lights. Webb all in favor – All Recreation board members in favor.

Pool Updates – Losing an inch a day of water.

Recreation Development Fund - \$999,356.04

2-2-2 Committee - \$53,158.77

New Business – Old Business – n/a

Webb motions to adjourn. Lee & Vincent second motion. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday July 21st, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Ariel Kollar, Corresponding Secretary