

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

June 17, 2014 7:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Bill Webb, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Neilsen, Members Rick Bulette, Thom Lee, and Mike Weaver. Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Dan McKinney.

Webb called the meeting to order.

First order of business – Approval of May minutes. Webb motions acceptance. Second by Lee, Motion approved.

Webb addresses Chuck Romfo, Current PTAA President. The PTAA has taken over registrations for all youth sports. Jeff Vincent leads entire registrations process, going well. Payments go into township account. There is a cost associated with administering and running electronic registration. Chuck Romfo would like to propose \$5 per registrant fee that goes to the township, be transferred to the AA. Registration cost with Groupnet Solutions is approximately \$6/kid per registration. The AA runs website for registrations. No longer facilitated by CCCC.

Secondly, Romfo proposing the AA run all off-season sports. The AA is currently handling registrations and AA personnel coordinate and coach sports. AA would require same residency rules for off-season sports participation. Currently, income from any off-season sport is deposited in the CCCC account.

Chuck Romfo states there have been 50-60 off-season baseball & 200 off-season soccer participants in recent years. Romfo proposed off-season baseball will charge same fees as other AA sports. Off-season soccer fees will be \$35. In cases of dual participation, AA will prioritize in season sport participation. Webb asks for comments from board. Nielsen – are these sports fully insured like in season sports? Webb says the best avenue to handle all youth sports issues in the Township is the PTAA. Originally off-season sports switched to CCCC for insurance purposes. Webb continues any associated costs will come from AA and not at cost to the Township. Romfo – Will not use in season uniforms, players will be provided with t-shirts. Webb asked for any more comments, recommendations, or motions? Nielsen motions that AA coordinate off-season sports at no additional cost to

Township recreation budget. Ages will stay the same as they currently stand. Bulette seconds motion, motion carries. Off-season sports will go through AA if approved by board of supervisors.

Chuck proposes current \$5 fee per PTAA registration be switched from Township to AA. Lee asks if current allotment causes a deficit for the AA? Romfo – Vincent can provide the break down of costs for the current registration site. Lee states that moving \$10,000 back to AA creates questions of overall AA resources and how money is spent. Lee states there are transparency issues. Over the past year or so, board is looking for more transparency on where and how money is being spent, and where is the money coming from?

Webb state that the \$5 to Township started before Chrin Center was here, to help with start-up costs. This was a goodwill gesture from the AA to show the Township was getting something back for its AA support. Webb answering Lee – Township doesn't buy items that aren't reusable, AA purchases those items, which basically consists of hats and socks. Registrations net the PTAA \$60,000, \$70,000 with Romfo's proposal. McKinney states the Township pays all electric bills and utilities. Lee states that \$60,000 buys a lot of hats and socks.

Dog Park – site review. Dan – communication with Liam, 3 sites evaluated Penn pump, Riverview, Mill Race. Rick went out to review, each site has a possibility. (Parking, location, water...) Webb – 2 problems; not many soccer fields; pieced together, full every night of the week; residential. Penn pump limited parking. Dan- propose space behind municipal building, will make available to police for training. (Dan to get feedback) Riverview, shooting range negative. Dog park will be available to anyone, not just Township residents.

Ordinances and signage – Webb – Sizing fence sections, cost; Dan – BOS wants recreation board to work out details. Sign vendors. Webb – Members Thom and Mike will help. AA participation if offered by Romfo, and accepted by Webb.

No development/maintenance updates.

CCCC improvements update– McKinney – working on jogging track around palmer complex. Working on futsal surface options. Wednesday 6/18/14 meeting about this; McKinney & Lee in attendance. Webb – supports multi use space and lighting the facility.

Directors Report – Miracle league ends, Palmer Pool numbers are down but improving; Webb ask about new concessions? Dan- prices changed for the better. Webb – Requests 222 information, McKinney will attach to agenda.

Webb states the Rec plan needs to be addressed and amended. Nielsen, Bulette, and McKinney will begin the process.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Ariel Shulman (Corresponding Secretary)