

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION MEETING

June 21, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held at on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Jeff Young, Vice Chairman Bill Webb, Treasurer Bob Johnson, member Cheryl Nielsen and new appointed member Rick Bulette. Young called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY - on motion by Johnson, seconded by Webb, and agreed by 4, Bulette abstained, the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Johnson, seconded by Nielsen, all agreed all the Board approved the township treasurer's report and Johnson noted he will be distributing his report in July.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE –

Archery Program – use of a park – Mr. Steve Klaver of the Easton Fish and Game Association was present asking for a place in the township to use for a newly formed target archery program. He had previously asked for use in the back property of the Weller tract and found out it was for passive recreation only. They have 11 students from Easton that signed up for this program. Klaver is a certified instructor and noted that most clubs meet once a week. He would like to start with every Sunday. He informed the Board that the distance behind targets that would be needed is 25 to 50 yards at least safety. The width isn't much of a concern; only need enough room for placing 2 targets side-by-side. Klaver stated they would want to have a visual buffer around targets. Young spoke of three places that he should look at. Across the iron bridge off of Bushkill Drive just up from the second dam there is an open space. Unfortunately there is no parking lot and you would have to park on the drive and cross the bridge and they would have to carry their equipment in. Johnson asked about the police range. This is all fenced in and secured. Not sure how the police department would feel about letting outside organizations use this. Klaver asked about the area in Hackett Park where they hit golf balls and was told that was the City of Easton. Young also suggested the western end of Riverview Park. There is an area there that is grown up and it would need to be cut and kept short. Young noted he didn't know the condition of these places but he thought they would be a good place to look at. Young also asked about the east end of the boat launch, wondered who owns this. Asked if they have insurance and he stated he knew they just increased the amount but wanted to check to see if the club covered events off their premises. Klaver noted he visited the community center site and felt this was a good area, the westerly end. Young noted it is a very ratty area even though it looks good and in the future there will be all purpose fields installed. Maybe on a temporary basis. Young, Klaver and Bulette will visit these few sites and see what they think of them. The consensus of this Board is that it is a good idea as long as safety and parking are considered. Klaver noted this would be a beginner's club which doesn't use heavy arrows. There would be no hunting arrows. Young noted this definitely has to go to the Board of Supervisors for their decision. Young motioned to recommend approval for the

Easton Fish and Game Association for a beginner's archery program conditioned that they find a suitable area. If they want to step up to another level they must return for future approval and that Palmer Township is added onto their insurance. Motion was seconded by Nielsen and all agreed. Klaver was asked to check to see if the Easton Fish & Game Association is a non-profit organization. If they are and since this would fall under educational/coaching there wouldn't be a charge. Grube will forward information to the administrative assistant to get them on the Board's agenda for June 28th.

Adult Recreation – A reminder that there has been a request by the volleyball association not to forget that they would like to have their courts repaved next year. They have a large group this year. Please get this in next year's budget.

Baseball – Johnson reported that they are winding down. Due to the weather they had to extend season. There are a few leagues that are still playing. Derby day – had a good event. There are a few issues to look at for next year. 11-12 boys won championship.

Basketball – Webb reported that he met with Jill/Dan about practice times that they would need for this year. He is still waiting for Jill to give him these dates.

Budget – It was suggested that a price cost be put in the budget for installing electric at Riverview Park for 2012. Last quotes were between \$7,000 and \$10,000. This park would be a good place to put the high school year-end picnic which usually goes to Penn Pump Park. There were many problems this year at the park with this event.

Egg Hunt – slightly over budget but everything went well.

Softball – Young reported that the lights at Fairview are fantastic. The installation of them couldn't have happened at a better time. With the weather they had so many make up games. He hasn't heard any complaints from neighbors about them. He also noted that the kids that hang out there have not been there. Most of the games are over. Some playing in play offs. Good year.

Young noted that the Miracle League is ready to go. This is going to be a big event. There will be fundraisers for this league. He was contacted by Forks Township that they want to hold a 24 hour event at Hackett Park on the last Saturday in July. This would be for ball players in the area to be sponsored to raise money. Will let us know other information on these games as well as the league and other fundraisers.

Cheering – sign ups are on-going.

Football – sign ups are on-going.

Playground – Nielsen reported that this starts Monday and she met with the instructors today. She noted this will probably be the last year if there is not a lot of participation.

Soccer – Young read a letter from a parent requesting that his daughter be able to continue to play in our program as well as he still wanting to coach. They moved to Forks Township. Board then discussed this request and felt that even though the gentleman did a lot for our soccer program which he was commended for, it is our policy not to allow outside residents to play in our tax funded programs. Our requirement is that they need to be a township resident. Forks has a league that his daughter should sign up for and he should go there to volunteer.

LaCrosse – What is the season for this sport. Port-a-potties need to be removed. Webb will find out.

Old Business –

Young reported that when Doerner was in asking for field hockey to be added to our program he stated that there were between 15-20 kids playing in Forks. Young found out there are only six and those kids will probably stay in Forks. As far as the budget he stated he would need - \$3,000 per team, this can be done for \$3,000 for 2 teams. Young felt this is going to be an issue and realized Doerner is trying but it is in limbo right now. Athletic Association has approved to spend up to \$2,000 for this sport.

Capital Improvements wish list – Young wants to schedule a park tour and go as a Board. Travel to all the parks and see what is needed. Afterwards come up with a list of projects for the parks. He would like input from Public Works, Public Services, Parks and the community center. He is setting a deadline of January 1st for this list and then to get it to the Board of Supervisors. This is a priority that he wants to get done. Tour was set for Wednesday, July 27th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Meeting place to be determined.

2-2-2 committee - Young would like to get some members from this Board together to get some guidelines for this committee. He explained how the registration fees are divided and need to get this committee activated on what the money is to be used for. Johnson, Webb and Bulette will meet to discuss this and then Young will pick 2 members from the Recreation Board to be on this committee. They are to report to the rest of the Board at the July meeting.

On motion by Webb, seconded by Johnson, and agreed by all the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Diane Grube, Corresponding Secretary