

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

July 18th, 2017 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairperson, Cheryl Nielsen, Vice Chairman, Thom Lee Members Rick Bulette, & Mike Weaver. Also in attendance were Township Director of Parks and Recreation Dan McKinney.

Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve April 2017 minutes, Bulette and Weaver second motion to approve. Motion carried.

Public comment- Guest, Deanne Werkheiser-Chairperson for the (ESC) Environmental Steering Committee. Looking to better understand the workings of the recreation board and begin to work more closely with our board where it makes sense for both parties.

Directors Report: McKinney

- Pool Update –Pool is overrun with attendees, on average over 1500 people a day. Unexpected turn-out. Need to discuss raising fees next year for non-Palmer residences similar to pavilion rentals. Projected income from the pool was forecasted at \$100K for 2017. To date we are currently at \$145K at the halfway point. That’s good news.
- Pickleball - Informal leagues running M-W-F at the newly renovated tennis courts at Riverview Park. Participants ranging from late 30’s to 70 years old. McKinney suggested we advertise in our next town newsletter and possible formalize a league.
- Camp Palmer- Completely full 140 campers per week. A couple of small issues but to date no major incidents.
- Multipurpose Field Updates- Heavily under construction. Turf field is ready for the turf to be installed. Should be completed in

approximately 3-weeks. Unfortunately, the field may not be accessible due to parking lot construction issues. It would be a shame not to be able to use the field in 2017.

- Field Rates: McKinney supplied a sampling of field rates from other municipalities and private facilities. Although they were a few years old it gave the board a good understanding what we can charge for rentals as this will be a major source of income that should be slated to replace the turf field in approximately 8-10 years. Projected cost for turf replacement is \$450K at today's rate. Lee suggested funds collected be allocated to a separate account within the town's budget to assure availability when needed.

2-2-2 Committee Report – Bulette, nothing to report.

Formally adding to the minutes the “Unanimous” recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to continue the current allocation and spending protocol of the 2-2-2 funds as written.

Egg Hunt – Nielsen suggested we consider “Organic Fruit Gummies” to replace “Air Heads” for next year. Egg hunt to be on new field next year to limit parent interference.

Recreation Development Fund - \$668,875.33

New Business – Recreation board to begin reviewing new projects to be submitted for next year's budget.

Old Business – none

Nielsen motions to adjourn, Lee & Weaver and second motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.