

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

August 19th, 2014 7:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 19th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Bill Webb, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Nielsen, Members Rick Bulette, Thom Lee, Mike Weaver, and Liam Brohan. Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Dan McKinney.

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

Webb makes a motion to approve July minutes, Nielsen seconds motion. Webb motion carries.

Public Comment & Correspondence – Nielsen, we charged adult leagues for field use. Men's softball pays \$50 a team. McKinney asks for ideas. Nielsen asked to ask Diane, Nielsen proposes they pay whatever they paid last year. Weaver second motion. Motion carried. No playing in bad weather.

PTAA – McKinney states the BOS adopted the recommendation of the Rec Board to pass off-season sport responsibilities to the PTAA. They will run off-season sports at no additional costs to the Township. President of AA called and asked about who will line fields, we need to identify the stipulations to the arrangement. Does the money still go to 222 and the Township? Lee how do we set parameters on cost? Registration money should be used to pay for sports needs; AA will be responsible for own fees. Soccer does get shirts included in sign ups. Softball is run by outside league, no township involvement. Anything that needs to be purchased will be done through PTAA money. Vincent, there should be consistency across all sports. Vincent, what exactly are we paying for and not paying for? McKinney, no discussions on equipment and uniforms. Webb, uniforms were discussed not to be used because of the wear and tear for off-season sports. Vincent, supervisors said it was limited to soccer and baseball; as progression occurs PTAA needs to come to Rec Board first. Webb, lacrosse is a significant expense as far as equipment goes and costs. Vincent, in a future meeting we need to come up with a list of what's being paid for and what isn't being paid for. Webb, commissioner's come up with budgets but aren't around long enough to actually see what they need.

Webb – this is for clarification,

Uniforms/Equipment – Webb motions, Vincent & Brohan seconds to have uniforms used for all seasons; Weaver, suggests to put more money in the budget. (shirt, socks, hat, pants optional) issue is additional wear and tear. Voted to No using of the uniforms.

Webb all in favor of using the equipment, Allowing usage of non-expendable equipment like batting helmets, Passed.

Baseballs – No use.

Fields – Lining of fields not coming from township budget.

Umpire Fees – Not coming from township budget.

League fees – not coming from township budget. (AA has to determine what it costs to run the sport, \$5 to AA or Township, \$10 to 2-2-2)

Webb, try to keep costs reasonable so that kids can play.

Should the AA pay the \$15 for the registration back to the Township? All opposed (off-season sports)

Lining of the fields/maintenance – Brohan, does the AA have the money to cover costs if the Township can't. Is the AA okay with this? Nielsen, fall ball was responsible for lining the fields, so now that would mean AA is responsible. Does the AA have a finance person to manage checks?

Dog Park – Brohan, spent time with the Engineer at Riverview Park, good location to move forward with. McKinney did extensive research with Tom Adams Township Engineer, and this was the only suitable location. Firing range is a concern; there is a bike path, park, and pavilion.

Webb – Is there a recommendation to send a request to the BOS. Brohan makes motion, Lee seconds motion, Webb carries motion.

Ordinance & Signage recommendations – Lee, would like to come up with enough information to submit a proposal to the BOS for next month. Come up with budgetary and what we could make. Webb, will come back to this next month.

Pride of the Diamond proposal – McKinney, they are looking to run baseball tournaments, and want to use Palmer fields to do them. McKinney's thoughts are always a good idea to get revenue in and new people into the

facilities; this group also has a junior elite group. Presents a unique opportunity for Palmer, provides a stepping-stone for our Elite players to try out. Encourage kids to play for their own league and get extra instruction from the Elite group. What income can this bring? Brohan – what kind of age groups, looking for U-10's. Nielsen, does our fall baseball group use 2 & 5? Vincent, fall softball does use the fields. Would have to be a portable mound system.

Webb, are we okay with using the fields, and what kind of charges are we looking at. Can use baseball fields in June. Brohan – they will take care of the fields? Nielsen, they will provide their own equipment? McKinney says always good to have some affiliations with other groups; Nielsen adds that it is nice to see fields being used, so this would be something good.

Webb – Any opposition to fields being used when Palmer is not using them? Nielsen – Where will money go? McKinney, money goes to a Parks and Recreation line item that goes into the Parks and Recreation fund. Webb – Availability will be up to McKinney. Webb – AA should be involved in coaching portion. Concessions, sponsors, restrooms (Webb – some people make suggestions to have porta potties in addition, have no problem opening restrooms for them). No issues with batting cages. Webb – thoughts on other sports are that we need additional information. Mounds (portable mounding system).

Development/Maintenance – Nielsen motions to have Township work on fields to the west of CCCC for soccer, Brohan seconds motion, Webb carries motion.

CCCC Improvements – McKinney Northampton County grant for walking path. A possible idea would be a turf field on the side of the Community Center. Nielsen, how much will that cost? No changes at this time. Bulette – Is there a time frame on using this grant?

AA Report – Vincent, close to coming up with sports costs. Trying to get some younger people involved.

2-2-2 Account –

Directors Report - Miracle League, starts Sept 6th, need volunteers. Pool is running at a surplus of \$14,000-\$15,000. Camp Palmer finishing up this week.

New Business – Webb, can we talk to Township about getting that money from field rentals funneled back into fields & facilities. What are some suggestions or options? Plans for a parking lot to be fenced and paved for the pavilion at CCCC.

Old Business -

Webb motions to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:08 p.m.

Next meeting September 16th at 7:30pm.

Ariel Shulman, Corresponding Secretary