

Palmer Township Recreation Board  
Tuesday, August 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Jeff Young, Vice Chairman Webb, Secretary Cheryl Nielsen, and Members Bob Johnson, Rick Bulette, and Dan McKinney.

Treasurer's Report – Johnson distributed the report and note there were no changes. Everything looks good. On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the report was approved.

Minutes from May – On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Adult Recreation – Johnson reported that the well at Riverview Park was having some problems and hopefully will be straightened out soon. He and Young also noted that Eric Boncher is doing a good job with the Association and the park and trying to keep everything under control.

Volleyball – Board asked if the court was done over yet. Grube stated it was going to get done and she will check to see if it is on the schedule. The league had to be off the courts for 5 straight days and there was no time for that.

Request to use Fairview Park – Young's feelings on this request is that right now there are too many teams using Fairview Park and it really wears the field. He has had some complaints on the shape of the field. Palmer's teams use the field from April to mid-July. The request is from the Palmer Grays to use it from April 1 to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Webb suggested they wait until the Board sees how many teams are using the field after we get all the field use applications in February. Young and Johnson feel there is too much use on for the field. Board decided they should keep looking for a place but come back to this Board in February to see if there is any room.

Baseball – Johnson reported that fall ball signups are underway. Discussed where which age groups were playing. He then requested the use field 3; Lower Briarcliffe and Fairview for fall ball from August through the end of October. Johnson motioned to approve the use of the fall ball use these fields from now until the end of October. Motion was seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, with no fee for use of the fields.

Johnson then reported that Palmer resident Collin Quintano won the Philadelphia Phillies Home Run Derby championship. Congratulations!

Basketball – McKinney stated he doesn't have anything for the schedule yet.

Softball – Young reported that the league that we play in would like to use Fairview and LaBarre for fall softball starting August 21<sup>st</sup> through October 31. They have their insurance certificate and they do pay a fee of \$50 per player to the league. They gave a donation to the township last year for using the lights. They would like to have 2 night games this year and they maintain the fields. On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Johnson, and agreed by all, the Board approved the request for the use of Fairview and LaBarre fields. Young noted there is a light that needs fixing in left center field. Grube will tell the Parks Department.

Wrestling – Webb reported that signups will start soon.

Cheering – Nielsen reported that new uniforms have ordered and everything is going well. She also noted that invites have gone out for the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the AA and on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the football game, there will be a VIP tent for all past and present coaches and a celebration to follow the game.

Football – Webb reported that it is underway and the field is still in the process of being done over but it is not complete yet. They are trying to make arrangements with Easton for the use of Cottingham stadium or the Shawnee field.

Soccer – Their yearly tournament is being held this weekend at Fox Run.

Field hockey – Bulette reported that everything is going well.

Development – Board has to make a decision on what type of field they want in the Woodridge Falls area. After discussion they decided on two (2) T-Ball/coach pitch dirt infield fields with 120 fence line; straight backstops and benches. On motion by Johnson, seconded by Nielsen, and agreed by all, the Board recommended that the township have the developer build these fields as per their discussion.

Fox Run Park – Board will review the plans of Madison at Palmerview and decide what they would like in the Fox Run Park as far as restrooms/parking lots next month with a recommendation to the planning director.

CCCC – McKinney reported that the summer camp is winding down this week. They have had over 100 participants each week and it has been run great by the 2 instructors with a great staff. Now we are back to regular classes and sign ups going strong for after care.

Miracle League – McKinney noted that the grand opening of the Miracle League field is Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Young thanked McKinney for bringing this to the township and Dan stated that Bob Lammi was also a very big part of getting this field here. Their season is May to October and there is 1 game a week for every child. McKinney stated the Colver's have been a big part also as well as all the volunteers.

Pool – McKinney stated they have controlled their budget this year but the pool needs so much work. The need everything new. Young stated they need water features and McKinney agreed but stated he didn't think that will happen. There are some ideas and options to go over during the budget meeting.

Budget – Young stated he received a letter from the township manager scheduling the budget meetings. The AA needs to get budgets together after they come back in September and sent to him a.s.a.p.

New Business –

McKinney wanted to publicly recognize Diane for a great job with community weekend this year. It was a great weekend, very successful and the large tent was a great idea.

Young noted that the bike path near Fairview Park is in bad shape. It is rough, has cracks, and big bumps. It needs either repaving or cut outs and patched.

Fairview bathrooms – Young wanted to make sure the plans for the bathroom revisions are not forgotten about. These bathrooms are needed; there are events throughout the year at that park. He noted we need upgrades done to the bathrooms at Penn Pump Park also.

Old Business –

The 2-2-2 committee will start up again when the AA starts meeting in September.

Young asked if there can be landscaping put around the Amanda Schultz bench at Fairview Park. Something needs to be put there and dress it up a little.

Board members felt Webb should help Young on the budget since he is Vice President and will become President next year.

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

Diane Grube, Corr. Sec.