

PALMER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

October 20th, 2015 7:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 20th 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charles Chrin Community center with the following in attendance: Members Rick Bulette, Mike Weaver, Thom Lee, Jeff Vincent , Mike Weaver and Liam Brohan . Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Dan McKinney and Town Supervisor Bob Smith.

Meeting called to order by J. Vincent at 7:30pm.

Approval of minutes from September 2015 meeting, J. Vincent makes a recommendation to accept the minutes as written; Brohan and Bulette second the motion, minutes approve for September 2015 meeting.

Public Comment & Correspondence- None

Directors Report, B Smith to provide update on Fairview Park improvements. So far \$81,505 has been spent on the upgrade and improvements of Fairfield Park. The Dugouts, infield and sod looks great. Dugout rafters (wood) will be upgraded with steel soffets for better weather resistance. Bat racks and benches will be installed, ventilation fans installed in home dugout as well as electrical outlets. When completed the estimated project cost will be \$141K with approximately \$100,500 being paid from the recreation fund with \$20,500 provided from the 222-fund and the additional \$20K from reallocated funds.

B. Smith, Fairview Park field will continue to be upgraded next year with the addition of a new outfield fence, Stone on front and back of dugouts, bleachers and maybe Lights. The Athletic association has agreed to fund the installation of a flag pole and water fountain (\$2700) as well as home plate and pitchers mound tarps.

Suggested by Smith to arrange an outing of the recreation board members to visit the park to discuss any additional improvements they might want to recommend.

Tennis Court improvements at Fairfield Park, B.Smith-Improvements are currently on the docket! Trees surrounding the tennis court have been marked and will be removed before years end. Board members agreed to plan a visit to evaluate all items that need to be addressed, Nets, lighting, removable posts, court surface...etc. D. McKinney agreed to have budgetary pricing on court surfaces by next meeting.

Suggested by J. Vincent to utilize the town webpage and newsletter as well as “Survey Monkey” to poll town residents on what they would like to see at the tennis courts at Fairview park.

Fairview park Softball fields, at the suggestion of member M. Weaver the pitchers mound and home plate area have been updated with “Clay Bricks” for better stability.

Travel Sports in Palmer, Group discussion on how we can incorporate a true Palmer travel program for multiple sports. B.Smith, would like the recreation board to pursue this topic and fully supports the idea. D. Mckinney has agreed to look into how we can make this a reality for 2016.

Penn Pump Park, D. McKinney provided a “revised” Palmer parks and recreation rules, regulations and policies as a result of a compilation of feed back from multiple town agencies including Palmer Police. Revisions include more provisions and priority for Palmer residents.

McKinney, suggested a current town employee could help with the enforcement and confirmation of permits during the weekends. This individual would be responsible for posting the permits for each event and assuring the rules and regulations are understood by rental party. McKinney also stated that new signage is to be installed.

Board of recreation to review and propose a final draft to the Board of supervisions for consideration by next board meeting.

CCCC Site review and update, D. Mckinney- “Moving right Along”. Meeting with engineering firm (Petcock) this week to review updates and primary layouts for permit submission.

B.Smith, Artificial turf field size has been increased to 350’ x 230’ to allow for a full size regulation playing fields for multiple sports. In addition, Petcock has been instructed to include in its plans a natural turf field, paved parking lots and all future expansions. The fee for all engineering and permits is estimated between \$125K - \$150K. Approvals have been issued by the BOS to commence with the project.

Approvals and permits are expected to be completed by Spring 2016. This will help Palmer meet funding and grant deadline. Ground breaking scheduled to begin mid 2016 and completed by Jan 2017.

B Smith, suggests recreation board members begin to develop a “Field Ordinance” that can be adopted by the Board of supervisors to help govern the new fields at CCCC.

2-2-2 Committee report, -B Smith, Football field requires new drainage. The 2-2-2 committee has agreed to allocate \$6K out of this years budget to start the project now.

Egg Hunt-Review

Pool Updates, D. McKinney- The pool in its current condition is a real “Money Pit”. The pool runs in a \$20K /year deficit. Requires approximately \$1million in repairs and \$400K in upgrades and additions. B Smith, Something needs to be done!

L.Brohan, What if we donate the pool to outside entity? Maybe turn it into a skate park?

Vincent, Can we apply for federal or state grants for the resources or funding?

B. Smith, the town currently has people working on looking into available grants that might help as well as possible Bonds.

McKinney, The pool is scheduled to re-open next year for our residents and to help support Camp Palmer which is a huge revenue stream for the town. New personnel worked out well last year and is expected to continue on for the summer of 2016. Hopefully, the town can find the resources to continue to operate the pool in a safe and profitable environment. B.Smith, has assured the recreation board that the BOS is working on a plan.

New Business; None

Old Business; None

Motion to adjourn offered by J. Vincent

Approved by R. Bulette, seconded by M. Weaver.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:35PM

Minutes: Take by T.Lee

