

Palmer Township Recreation Board
November 15, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Recreation Board was held at on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chairman Jeff Young, Vice Chairman Bill Webb, Treasurer Bob Johnson, members Cheryl Nielsen, Rick Bulette and Dan McKinney. Also present was Supervisor Liaison Bob Smith. Young called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER - On motion by Webb, seconded by Bulette, and agreed by all, the minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Young reported that there is money left in softball and he knows the township has to reimburse the AA for some expenses for field hockey. He stated he needs bills to be able to process a purchase order. Board reviewed the report and discussed some expenses. Young also stated he would like to get back to the original way of keeping the treasurer's report not just reviewing the township budget that is distributed. He would like to see a report with the purchases reflected and balances. On motion by Johnson, seconded Nielsen, and agreed by all, the approved the treasurer's report as reviewed.

Adult Recreation – Johnson stated the softball association is working with the parks department to figure out when they can get the repair work done to their outfield. The association needs to free up time on the fields. Since Keystone fields are only being used 2 days a week maybe the association can use these fields next season. Johnson will talk to Eric about this.

Baseball – Johnson reported that they were thinking that the Junior Legion Prep would not be supported next year but then realized that there are a few players for the next year. He noted this team definitely needs to have a coach and staff. Bob Smith stated there is a meeting in December that he will be attending. There has to be a decision made by then if there will be a team next year. Johnson also stated that they are in need of coaches for the legion and junior legion teams.

Basketball – Laura Bryfogle, Basketball Commissioner and Joe Olah, AA President were in attendance for tonight's meeting. Webb is the liaison for basketball and they discussed scheduling issues. Young reported that there were time issues at the center and they lost every Saturday in the gym for a month. There are 2 non-Palmer events that have two of the weekends. McKinney stated that he sees there is a conflict with both sides and he is the one that has to make the income for the center but on the other hand is told that the AA gets the room. There is no written policy and everything is hearsay. The Board of Supervisors has to give him direction on this problem. Olah stated there can be a compromise. He felt the scheduling has to be done earlier. Smith stated that the Board of Supervisors stands that the AA gets a gym exclusively (gym 2). Smith will contact the Supervisors and get this straightened out and report to the Manager and McKinney. In season sports have priority. If there is a special event that would like to reserve the gym this is something that could be discussed. There was much discussion on this situation and it will be resolved immediately.

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McKinney reported that Ed Jennings who is very popular in the basketball community would like to schedule a clinic for coaches and players and wants to come to Community Center. He is in discussions with him.

Maintenance – Young reported that the Recreation Board and Tom Adams did a tour of the parks throughout the township. Everyone is in receipt of the list of suggestions that they would like to see improved or done. We will have a workshop to review this list instead of reviewing it during a regular meeting. There is a lot of work that is needed throughout the township and we need to get a plan together. This is definitely something that has to go to the 2-2-2 committee.

Softball – Young pointed out the article in the newsletter on the Miracle League. He stated they had a great group of girls who did the tournament. Olah stated that the AA would like to be more involved with the township and they want to help with this league. He also asked that if there is any registration fees “left over” from the off season sports he would like to see it forwarded to the AA. If our volunteers are coaching or working with the off season sports he feels some of this money should go to AA. If our volunteers are coaching or if they are using our equipment then this has to be looked into.

Young stated that basketball season should be December 1st and this will be discussed for next year. Is there a local league for Palmer basketball to belong as well as all area teams? Not happy with the current league.

Smith reported that he met with Dave Colver, Scott Kistler and Tom Adams regarding the football field. They received a quote from a company that will come in and spray field to kill all grass. The Public Works Department will then be placing a topping on which consists of a mixture and it will then be turned over in spring. This area will be developing a new field for soccer/field hockey/lacrosse and the football field will be moved towards the concession stand. Field 5 will now be girls softball. They have to remove the grass area in the middle and the boys will go to field 6. They need to have work done to field 6 which is a school district field. Smith noted the contact with the school district has been done. He also reviewed what the Township/AA/Recreation Board is planning for the sports complex.

Smith discussed the cleaning of the uniforms for football. He noted that the AA doesn't wash the uniforms as much as they should. A few years ago they let the kids take their shirts home for cleaning and they wore them out. This will not happen again. He contacted a company to get a refurbished washer/dryer. These could be placed in the community center maintenance room or the equipment room in the municipal building until the new field house is built. This would take care of the cleaning issue with not only the football uniforms but all sports uniforms.

Wrestling – Webb reported that they start next Saturday and they have 52 signed up. He also reported that they have not heard anything from the school district about having flyers being handed out in the schools.

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Football – Young noted there are 2 invoices for cleaning and he is waiting for Barry Fulmer to get them to him so they can be processed. Smith reported that Varsity and Junior Varsity won championship games.

Field Hockey – Township will be reimbursing the AA for some field hockey expenses when they receive the bills to process through. Young appointed Rick Bulette as liaison with Bill Webb as alternate.

Community Center – McKinney stated that all new activities are in the new newsletter.

Pool – McKinney – nothing to report except we are still waiting to hear about the grant that was applied for. There are major repairs needed to be done.

Budget – Young reviewed the recreation park development fund that the township has which is the fund that developers contribute to when building in Palmer. He reviewed the figures that are in the budget now stating that some of this revenue is going to cover the work that has to be done on the bike path.

Young informed the Board that he met with Dave Colver to review the budgets that were cut. Capital equipment was increased to \$4,000 and there is a donation to the City of Easton of \$10,000 for a regional skate park. He went over the budgets with the Board and noted that some items that were cut have been added back in since there was going to be an effect on the sports program.

New Business –

Johnson reported they have had a couple meetings regarding the 2-2-2. Bulette reviewed the guidelines that they came up with so far. This has to be taken to AA meeting on Thursday for them to make any recommended changes and then they will get the appointed members to this committee to meet. They would like to get scheduled meetings planned so everyone would know when they are. The third Tuesday at 6:30 before the Recreation Board meeting is a good idea. Young stated this committee was put together for other reasons than capital improvements and this is something they have to work on.

Diane asked if the Board wanted the new BIP pavilion to be rented out like others are. Board felt this was a good idea and the fees should be the same as others. Fee for a residents would be \$35 and for a non-residents - \$50. In the future this pavilion could be used by the Miracle League so there should be signs up like in the other pavilions to contact the municipal building if you want to rent it. McKinney will contact Diane if he knows of a time the League wants to use it.

Smith also noted that he spoke with Scott Kistler and Scott asked who the contact person would be for games being called due to weather. They absolutely cannot use this field and ruin it with all the work that is going to be done. Board felt it would be the sports'

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liaison, no matter which sport. Bill Webb will be the contact for football. Smith will talk to Kistler about this. These fields will also have to be posted so no one just stops in and uses them. This could also be a problem with soccer. This definitely needs to be worked on before any sports get playing there.

On motion by Nielsen, seconded by Webb, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Diane Grube, Corr. Secretary