

Palmer Township Athletic Association General Membership

Meeting Minutes

Charles Chrin Community Center

February 19, 2015

Members present:

Dave Dumpel, Chuck Romfo, Matt Rusnock, Bob Smith, Darryl Long, Jeff Vincent, Tom Gutekunst, John Morsillo, Kurt Snyder, Doug McTighe.

Call to Order: 8:08 pm Chuck Romfo

Motion by John Morsillo to accept the January minutes. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion by Dave Dumpel to accept the January treasurers' report. Second Darryl Long. **Passed**

Sports Reports

Lacrosse – Darryl Long

Not enough girls signed up to field a team this year. Two possible reasons were the massive amount of rain last spring canceled most of the practices, and too many girls on one team. Taking a more proactive approach next year by getting flyers out to schools sooner. One girl will play on the boys U9 team. 63 boys have signed up.

Parents and coaches meeting sometime in the upcoming weeks. Implementing a 3 strike rule into the Lacrosse code of conduct. Parents will be expected to sign it at the meeting.

Helmets are due to arrive next week, and will be tracked to keep them in spec. Kids who use their own equipment will have to sign a waiver so the township is not responsible.

Fundraising web store is open. \$1000 raffle is another fundraiser that lacrosse will use. Tickets will be \$10.

Soccer – Dave Dumpel

201 registrants signed up for spring. Games will be played as follows: U8 Delps Park in Lehigh Township. U10/U12 Wind gap and U14 and up will play at Moore.

BMYSL (Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League) will be raising their fees starting in the fall season. The new fees will be \$10 for the fall and \$5 for the spring.

Basketball – Tom Gutekunst

Lots of reschedules due to winter weather. Teams doing well 4th/5th/6th grades are 80-5. Palmer will host some playoff games March 14th/15th.

Baseball Lower Level – John Morsillo

Next League meeting is March 8th. League will be moving to grade instead of age next year.

Overall the numbers are down mostly with Tee Ball.

Motion by John Morsillo for NTE (not to exceed) \$2500 for hats. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion by John Morsillo NTE \$100 for SuperSass field scheduling. Second Darryl Long. **Passed**

Baseball Upper Level – Matt Rusnock

15 Players are signed up for Bushkill Valley the deadline is March 30th. The league fees are due at the April meeting.

Legion Post #9 donated \$200 for uniform cleaning.

Softball – Jeff Vincent

124 girls signed up. Team commitments are due March 8th

Wrestling – Chuck Romfo

Season is over. 11 Kids placed. 5th overall as a team. 1 Champion Demetri Jandrasics

Field Hockey, Football, and Cheerleading – No Report

Board Report – Chuck Romfo

Dave Dumpel and Paul Cinoa will be putting together a Code of Conduct manual for parents and coaches.

Members of the Board will interview several accountants to see if becoming a 501c3 is in our best interests.

Recreation Board – Jeff Vincent

At the Tuesday meeting they board reviewed a presentation on the turf field. Engineering plans will be commissioned for placement, costs, and drainage. Looking to place the field east of the community center and over lapping onto field #8. It will be a baseball/soccer combination. Field turnover is ten years. There has to be an agreed upon amount of usage for the Athletic association.

222 – Chuck Romfo

Meeting was last week. The wish list was updated with action items from the old Recreation Board list from several years ago. By-laws are being developed.

The first project being discussed is redoing the Fairview infield with sprinklers, dugouts and bleachers. The bleachers will come from the top three rows of the current bleachers on the all-purpose field.

The benches at the Briarcliff fields will be replaced or wrap the old wood in aluminum.

The account has approximately \$50,000.00 with a deposit coming this week.

Buildings and Grounds – Bob Smith

Items the Township has budgeted this year are as follows:

- West end of the community center entrance be completed.
 - \$500,000.00 grant monies being spent on the community center with a match from the Township.
 - \$160,000.00 is being spent on parking spaces at the community center.
 - Small parking lot by the water tower.
 - \$20,000.00 for a new pole barn by the batting cages at Fairview park.
 - Upgrading the lights on the tennis and basketball courts.
 - Bathroom and storage at Fox Run.
 - Macadam walkway for handicapped to connect all fields at Palmer Elementary.
 - Top row of bleachers at all-purpose field to be removed and placed at Fairview Park.
 - Fix the drainage issues at the all-purpose field
- Total for all budgeted items is \$1,039,000.00.

Old Business – Jeff Vincent

New State law will be implemented in July on background checks. The Association is compliant with 2 of the 3 new changes. FBI fingerprinting for volunteers who have not lived in the state for 10 years will need to be put into effect for fall sports.

The photo release will be reviewed and updated.

Fall uniforms should be in the system.

Ideas are needed for derby day activities for older kids.

Motion by Tom Gutekunst for 2015 Groupnet systems fees. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion by John Morsillo for \$150 to Margle law offices. Second Kurt Snyder. **Passed**

Motion by Darryl Long to reimburse Paul Cinoa \$77.91 for photocopies. Second Matt Rusnock. **Passed**

Motion by Dave Dumpel for \$127.47 to replenish petty cash. Second Tom Gutekunst. **Passed**.

Motion to Adjourn – 9:31

Respectfully submitted

Douglas A. McTighe

Secretary