



**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEMO SUMMARY**

DATE: January 2022	ITEM NO.	SUBJECT:
Presented by: Julia Stambaugh, Deputy Town Clerk		1 ST ANNUAL PALMER LAKE OUTDOOR HOCKEY CLASSIC

Recommended Action

To approve the event to take place at the Palmer Lake Recreational Area as presented and endorsed by staff.

Background

The 1st Annual Palmer Lake Outdoor Hockey Classic is seeking the Board’s approval to allow this event to take place on the lake at the Palmer Lake Recreational Area. The event is tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2022, from 6pm to 8pm. This is a new hockey event being hosted by District 38 – Lewis Palmer Hockey team CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association). As an USA Hockey partner, the Pond Hockey Foundation includes the Tri-Lakes area, Cheyenne Mountain High School and District 38 hockey programs. This event will be community outreach event featuring a Palmer Ridge HS vs Lewis Palmer HS scrimmage and possibly public skating time.

The day of the event the hardness of the ice will be checked. There should be at least 3 days of below zero degrees to ensure they can play safely on the ice. The hockey rink will be set up at the south end of the lake. The Fire Dept will spray water on the lake’s ice the day before the event. This will help smooth its surface for skating. If it snows, the event volunteers will do snow removal. This event is being held in the evening to ensure the ice will have time to harden. Small floodlights, powered by generators, will be set up to light up the rink for play. Only student players will be on the ice at the time of the game. They anticipate about 40 players.

The event anticipates approximately 500 spectators, parents and students, who will watch from the shoreline on portable bleachers. There will be district volunteers and teachers trained in EMS monitoring the area. The Police Department will meet with District 38 before the event to coordinate a safety plan. PD will also have four officers patrolling the area. The Fire Department will be on call. Ch. McCarthy has given approval to use enclosed fire barrels (55 gal drums) to be set up around the area, in accordance with the fire pit ordinance.

The Public Works Supervisor has approved the parking plan. The event does not anticipate parking issues and will direct vehicles to park in the south end parking lot and will guide the crowds up to the pedestrian bridge where an entrance to the game will be set up to purchase tickets to the game. Food truck vendors have also been invited. They will donate a portion of their proceeds from the night to the LP Hockey Team fundraiser.

District 38 and CHSAA hope this event will become an annual event the community will embrace and enjoy for years to come.

** They would also request the application fee of \$100 be waived for their non-profit organization.