

**Town of Palmer**  
**Open Space and Recreation Visioning Workshop**  
**May 20, 2014**  
**6-8 PM**  
**Palmer Public Library, Community Room**

5:45-6:15 pm **Registration and orientation** (make name tags, review handouts, poster boards, etc.)

6:15-6:30 pm **Welcome/Overview of Workshop and Open Space and Recreation Plan**

- What is an open space and recreation plan?
- What is “open space?”
- What is “recreation?” (passive vs. active)
- Why is Palmer creating an Open Space and Recreation Plan now?
- Who is on the Open Space Planning Committee and what are their roles?

6:30-7:00 **Mapping Exercise**

Step 1: Each table has a copy of an enlarged map of Palmer. Identify by drawing on the map with markers your answers to the following questions:

- Where do you live?
- Where do you work?
- Where do you play or recreate?
- Are there distinct neighborhoods or districts in Palmer?
- What are the important natural resources and landmarks in Palmer? (Examples: scenic areas, farmland, historic landmarks, etc.)
- What are the important recreational facilities in Palmer?
- Are there issues/conflicts occurring with open space and/or recreational facilities? Where?

Step2: Each group has 2-3 minutes to present and explain their maps to everyone. Discuss Palmer’s assets and challenges.

7:00-7:15 **Open Space and Recreation Needs Analysis**

Step 1: As a large group, discuss the results of the mapping exercise and discuss strengths and challenges.

Step2: Identify open space and recreation needs in the context of strengths and weaknesses.

7:15-8:00 **Identify 2014-2021 OSRP Goals and Objectives and Action Items**

- Identify Open Space and Recreation goals and objectives based on prior discussion.
- Comment on and discuss on resulting goals and objectives.
- Come to consensus on adding/removing any goals or objectives.
- If each group could manage the town for the day, what would they do?
- Identify actions to address specific goals and objectives based on this and prior discussions.