

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On June 25, 2007 in the Mark Park Picnic Shelter**

Chairperson, Mark Schneider, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were Brian Dorr, Skeeter Lane, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider, Scott Suhsen and Mike Trunk. Absent board member was Ed Kingsley. Also present was Tom Mismash.

## **Minutes For May 21, 2007 Meeting**

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Dick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Skate Park**

Mismash reported that there has been no 'mad rush' of interest since the purchase of the skate park equipment was made public in the newspaper. Mismash has gotten an insurance packet from the League of Minnesota on tier 2 skate parks and will share that with the park board in the future. Mismash stressed that there really needs to be an association that helps create and run the skate park. With that buy-in there is hope for less damage and vandalism. Mismash also reported that a couple people have expressed concern about the skate park being put in Rainbow Park. At some point a public hearing may be necessary about that issue. Mismash reiterated as well that it will take about \$6,000 to \$8,000 to rebuild the features and also the main part, the center fun box was not a part we got with the purchase.

### **Mark Park Entrance**

Mismash has the lights ordered and expects them in about 5 weeks. When they are installed he anticipates taking out the street light at the entrance.

### **Visionary Committee Update**

Suhsen reported on what has been happening, which since there has been only 2 meetings since the last park board meeting hasn't been a lot. There is more discussion about the amphitheater at Riverside Park. There was discussion at the last Visionary meeting, earlier in the day, about having a survey done so that planning could be started.

Suhsen asked if a motion of support for that could be made by the park board. There was discussion about where the money would come from and exactly what would be surveyed. Mismash suggested that the Riebe property should be surveyed at the same time to save money. The discussion died with no motion made. The board would like to know more of what it will cost for the survey and for consideration of the Riebe property of the same time.

### **Aerated Fountain for Pond**

Regarding: fountain for the pond east of Hwy. 169 and south of 1st street.

Mismash got a new quote on the fountain. The quote includes a timer and an upgrade from 2 hp to 5 hp and from 110 to 220 volt. The new quote is for over \$6,200.

### **Streetlight Upgrade Costs Update**

Mismash has gotten a quote for upgrading 12 of the lights purchased from Zimmerman. The quote, from Border States, is for \$1,469.92.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Camera Upgrade at Mark Park**

The camera lenses do not produce clear enough images to be useful. There was discussion about the possibility that the cameras were motion activated which was not something we had discussed when we got the cameras. We have gotten an additional camera from the liquor store. It will cost \$1,300 to upgrade the lenses.

### **West Branch Construction Donation**

There was a broken water main at Mark Park this spring. Mismash shared with the board that West Branch Construction has donated the cost of repairing the water main. Suhsen was asked to draft a thank you to West Branch.

### **Vandalism**

In addition to damage to one of the cameras at Mark Park the sign for no skating or biking was stolen.

### **Splash Park**

Lane has asked to get 3 new garbage cans at the splash park. The present cans are difficult to use and clean and fill too easily. Lane also brought up the issue of having long distance calls for the splash park, mostly for people reserving the park for parties. Mismash is going to help look into using the phone in the picnic shelter for long distance calls.

July 16<sup>th</sup> will be food shelf day at the splash park. The entry fee will be reduced to \$1 per person with Jaycees making up the difference (\$2).

### **Miscellaneous**

There being no further discussion, Dick made a motion to adjourn. Skeeter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary