

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on November 22, 2010, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were: Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Cheryl Goetz, Mark Schneider, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent was Mary Chapman. Also present were Bob Gerold and Dick Dobson.

Minutes for October 25, 2010 Meeting

Broding noted one change to the minutes for the last meeting: The West Branch Gun Club, not the Sanborn Gun Club, is open to the idea of the archery range. Vita made a motion to approve the October 25 minutes as amended. Goetz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park:

Gerold reported that the sonnet tubes and footings for the lights along the Mark Park trail did not get put in this fall as planned. They will get done in spring instead.

Splash Park: Nothing to report.

Riverside Park:

Picnic tables have been stacked and the park is basically closed. The timbers along the drive into the park have not been fixed. That will be done in spring using timbers from Mark Park where they are being taken out. It was decided to leave them in and fix them instead of taking them out because they help delineate the driveway from the adjoining property.

Rainbow Park:

Trees came down in the windstorm a few weeks ago. Other than a few stumps, they have been cleaned up. A couple board members complimented Gerold on how quickly it was cleaned up. He said that a couple of them were widow makers so they posed a danger to the public.

Riebe Park:

Gerold reported that once person had commented on how much they liked the new disc golf course. Suhsen reported that the tee signs might still get put up this fall although it will have to happen soon because of the chance of the ground freezing up.

Pioneer Park:

A couple members noted that this park gets used a lot. Frederick mentioned the middle school and Vita said she had seen a wedding party there.

Riverview Park / Archery Range:

Nothing to report; no more information from Bob Peters.

Visionary Committee:

Dobson said that there is a conditional use permit to move dirt around for the amphitheater in Riverside Park.

Lind Property:

Gerold reported that the city had a new appraisal done on the Lind property and it came in at \$56,000. The bank has put it on the market for \$65,000 and the city cannot bid higher than the appraised value. This means that unless the bank will donate the difference or some other kind of deal can be worked out, the city might not be able to get it.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vacancies:

The positions held by Frederick, Schneider and Vita are up for reappointment. If the existing members are interested they must submit their application with the city. Dobson clarified some of the application requirements for the board members including a requirement to attend the city council meeting when the members are appointed.

Mini Golf Course:

Frederick reported that he is still in communication with Harris Miniature Golf Courses. They have offered to do a rough plan for us free contingent on us providing a rough layout of the area available for a miniature golf course. Gerold offered to do that. According to past minutes, 20,000 to 22,000 square feet is the minimum for a 9 hole course. As a reminder, Harris had done courses in Big Lake, Detroit Lakes and other Minnesota locations, despite the fact they are in New Jersey.

South Pole Skating Rink:

Dobson reported that the property where the south skating rink used to be has already drawn interest from a potential buyer for one of the lots.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Suhsen made a motion to adjourn. Vita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:53.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary