

Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On July 23, 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 and Scott Suhsen. Absent board members were Ed Kingsley and Mike Trunk. Also present was Tom Mismash and Dick Dobson.

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

NEW BUSINESS

For the sake of a guest we jumped to new business first.

Princeton Depot

Penny Quast approached the board on behalf of the historical society in their interest for the bike trail. She was encouraged to join the Visionary meetings. She was also reassured that while it has been slow, progress has been made and continues on the bike trail from Elk River to Princeton.

Quast also requested verbal support from the park board for remodeling of the depot to the 1920s era. They are working on getting financial support for this from the state and are looking for signatures of individuals and organizations in that effort.

Lane made a motion to support by signature for their efforts. Dorr seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Schneider, as board chairman, signed the paper Quast brought to the meeting by Quast.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park

Mismash reported that there have been some inquiries recently. Jeanie Blomberg was involved with other stuff and had not been able to dedicate time to this until recently. Lane pointed out that the Milaca mayor asked that if things didn't work out, the city of Milaca would be interested in purchasing the skate park equipment from Princeton.

Mark Park Entrance

Mismash is still waiting for the lights. He has determined he needs to add to the pillars for the lights but thought it wouldn't be difficult.

Visionary Committee Update

Suhsen reported that little has occurred since the last meeting.

Aerating Fountain for Pond

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

Mismash reported the wires have been buried and now concrete needs to be poured. There is concern that the water depth, in light of the drought conditions being experienced, may be too low for the aerator.

Camera Upgrade at Mark Park

Mismash: Camera lenses on two cameras have been upgraded and are significantly better. The old liquor store camera has been mounted on the north end of the splash park picnic shelter but the company the equipment was purchased from needs to be contacted for whatever connections and / or programming needs to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Closing of Riverside Park Campground

There were problems with several campers who have been not been cooperative with rules and paying at the campground. It has gotten to the point that the host did not feel safe. As a result, the campground has been closed until further notice. In conjunction with that, the sanitary station at Mark Park was also closed. This was intended mostly for residents and users of the campground and its use has been way beyond that. Without collecting a fee, the feeling was that with no campground open, this should be closed as well.

Splash Park

Lane reported that right now we are about \$1700 behind last year. Still, usage has been good and there have been no major problems or issues.

Miscellaneous

Dobson asked about the **stumps in Riverside Park**. Mismash said that it has been a challenge to find someone to do this at a reasonable cost. There are potentially other trees to be removed too and he would like to have all stumps done at once.

A **walkway from the splash park gate to the playground** has been started. Many patrons of the splash park wheel strollers up and down the embankment thru the wood chips and sand burrs and this should make it easier and safer for them to do.

There being no further discussion, Dick made a motion to adjourn. Skeeter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary