

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on February 23, 2009, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were: Blake Broding, Cheryl Goetz, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider and Scott Suhsen. Absent were Stephanie Ketterl and Skeeter Lane. Also present were Bob Gerold and Dick Dobson.

New Member Swearing In

Dick Peterson was sworn in for a new term and Blake Broding was sworn in as a new member.

Election of Officers

Goetz made a motion to retain the officers as they were this past year with Schneider as chairman, Peterson as vice chairman and Suhsen as secretary. Peterson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for November 24, 2008 Meeting & Minutes for January 26, 2009 meeting

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings as presented. Goetz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

For the sake of guests we moved to new business first.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project

Guest Zack Foede presented his idea for a project to move up from life scout to eagle scout. He wants to map out Pioneer Park with a GPS and make maps that can be picked up by park visitors to navigate in the park. Foede presented a sample map. He also has plans to make benches and bluebird houses for locating throughout the park. He is planning on getting donated materials so there would be no cost to the park board.

Suhsen asked if Rotary Club is still doing anything at Pioneer Park as they had adopted Pioneer Park at one time. No one thought they were still active with that project. Gerold offered that when Foede gets to that point, if there are old bird houses, benches or anything else that could be removed to make room for the new benches and bird houses to let him know.

Foede needs a letter of permission from the city to continue. Suhsen took the task to see that gets done. Peterson made a motion to accept the offer from Foede. Suhsen seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park Ball Field

Gerold reported that the agreement with the school district has not been signed yet by the district.

Bike And Hike Trail / Visionary Committee Update

There was nothing to report on bike and hike trails. The Visionary committee is planning a May Day event that will help publicize the organizations activities and goals. Included will be a river cleanup that will be coordinated with other organizations like boy scouts.

Splash Park

Lane was not present to give a report. Gerold reported that the bucket feature is back and repaired. Suhsen brought up whether we might exchange any fixtures this year but without Lane present we decided to wait until next meeting on that subject.

Skate Park Update

Gerold reported that he has heard nothing from Milaca nor anyone else. He did have one person a while ago that might be interested but they wanted to look at the equipment once the snow is gone.

Dog Park

Goetz had a detailed and organized presentation on the idea of a dog park from the approval process thru determining a need with canvassing of several area businesses and then location and operation. There was quite a bit of discussion about location, which concluded, with space at either the civic center or Rainbow Park as the best locations. The most expensive part will be fencing. Goetz reassured the board that dog parks tend to be self-policing with only an occasional problem and mostly in the beginning. With scoopers and bags available to patrons there usually isn't a lot of problems. Peterson made a motion to continue pursuing the dog park idea. Suhsen seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Scheider brought up the idea that the board members might consider not accepting half or some portion of the monthly meeting stipend we receive. There was discussion about half and even all of the sum. Suhsen brought up the idea of all of the money going to the park funds but that doesn't help the city with their budget shortfall. The money saved for the year could be in the neighborhood of \$1000 to \$1500 if the entire stipend were kept by the city. Suhsen made a motion to not accept the meeting stipend for 2009. Goetz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Broding seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary