

Minutes of Regular Meeting – Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On January 22, 2007 in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson, Mark Schneider, called the meeting to order. Members present were Brian Dorr, Ed Kingsley, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider, Scott Suhsen and Mike Trunk. Absent board member was Skeeter Lane. Also present were council member Dick Dobson, mayor Jeremy Riddle and Tom Mismash.

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

New Business

For the sake of guests we jumped to the first item of new business.

Princeton Area Visionary Committee

Carol Ossell and Brenda Hoffman presented a brief history of the visionary committee. They also covered what the committee is discussing and proposing as a future vision for the Princeton community. They passed around a paper copy of a power point presentation that David Patten had created. He is a landscape architect and lent his expertise to the group. They originally started out with concern for the vitality of the down town area but as they progressed it expanded beyond that to encompass the city of Princeton and even its surrounding community. A collaborative effort between the businesses, the city, the townships, the schools, etc. is considered vital to the success of the project. They have been in discussion with organizations such as the DNR (as they look at bridges and fishing piers on the river). There is discussion of moving the campground, putting in an amphitheater, trails (hiking and biking), etc. They will have a booth at the business expo (March 24th).

Tom questioned if the businesses were going to be doing more themselves as the reconstruction of Rum River Drive and First Street were thought to be revitalizing with little actual happening as far as the businesses go. Both presenters felt that this was coming now and there was also the possibility of getting outside funding for this as well.

There was some discussion about why the park board hadn't been involved so far. We were invited to start attending their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each week at 8:00 am in the back room of K-Bob. We discussed appointing a board member while they suggested a rotating format to get everyone involved. Nothing was decided at this time.

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Skate Park

Tom brought that there really is two ways to go with this. One is a movable, less permanent set of fixtures and the other is a permanent structure set. We received literature from a company specializing in this product. Bryan suggested that we could keep costs down by using the basketball court in Mark Park which is not really getting used. Tom reminded that we had allocated \$50,000 seed money for this project. The mayor asked what the whole project could cost and Tom answered \$200,000 to \$225,000. Brenda Hoffman had stayed for this part of the meeting, this was something she had been involved with before. She offered to look into what interest there might be from some of the others who were involved before.

Old Business (continued)

Mark Park Entrance

Tom reported that nothing has really changed since last month.

Water Expenses at Mark Park

There is a meeting with PUC on Wednesday at which time, Mark, Ed and Tom will see if something can be done to cut the costs down some. Tom also said that sensors will be put in to stop any unnecessary watering such as when it is raining and that should help.

Bike / Hike Trail Location

Mike suggested that the board members be given aerial photos of the area and then we could look at the possibilities more. There was some additional discussion about the challenges.

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Ag Lime For Ball Fields

We reviewed a cost estimate Tom had prepared and discussed the need for new ag lime on the Legion field and softball fields. Tom might be able to get a truck to haul lime with so the cost would be roughly half of delivered. Ed is going to look into what the softball association might be able to contribute to the project.

There being no further discussion, Dick made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary