

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on April 27, 2009, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:35. Members present were: Blake Broding, Cheryl Goetz, Stephanie Ketterl, Skeeter Lane, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider and Scott Suhsen. Also present were Dick Dobson and Bob Gerold.

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Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes for the March meeting. Lane 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

Fireworks Funding Request

Guest Jerry Whitcomb from the Legion was present to ask if the park board would help with fireworks funding as we have in the past. Suhsen looked back and found that we had donated \$1500 last year. Dobson pointed out that the city this year has taken an approach of reducing requests by a percentage in light of the economic situation. There was some thinking that because this is park money it might not apply. Goetz made a motion to donate \$1500 from park dedication. Peterson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Replacement

Schneider asked us to consider the next topic before we proceeded with the normal meeting agenda. It was brought up that Ketterl had missed 3 meetings in a row, which the board has a bylaw against. Ketterl. Ketterl said that she had in fact been to the January meeting and had also called city hall about one of the meetings she did miss. There was general consensus that multiple absences over the course of a year, and not necessarily consecutive meetings, were a problem for the board. That said, it was also recognized that the bylaws were too vague to address the present situation and it was decided Ketterl could continue her board membership,

On the same issue of membership, we discussed the fact that Lane, due to health reasons, had submitted a letter of resignation to city hall. Basically he is not going to be able to fulfill the responsibilities of splash park management after he has surgery. His job as splash park manager has already been posted in the local shopper. Peterson made a motion to allow Lane to take a two-month leave of absence and Suhsen seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park

Plaque recognizing Mark Park donors: Schneider brought up the list of donors and asked how the plaque should be done. Suhsen preferred to defer the question to the plaque maker since they would be experienced in these issued. We reviewed the donor list that Suhsen had compiled and Broding had a couple corrections to suggest.

New Ball Field: Peterson expressed frustration that the school district seems to be going back on what they said they were doing. There are three sprinkler heads that have to be moved on the new ball field and he says the school district thinks the city should be paying for this and before they were willing to pay for moving all the sprinklers before when they wanted to reconfigure the field completely. He doesn't want the Legion Field budget to absorb this expense. He brought up changes in how the temporary fence is being stored, which softball field the school wants to use and the fact that the school doesn't seem to want to part with some fencing we could use for the dog park. Schneider and Gerold took the task to talk to Glen Klaphake.

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Lind Property: Gerold presented that Lind has approached the city about purchasing his property. He is offering to pay for half the appraisal (\$500 total cost). Dobson pointed out that the city would not pay more than the appraised value. Broding made a motion to pay half the appraisal. Lane seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Splash Park

Gerold reported that there are a few mechanical issues before the spring opening. Lane mentioned that the soda machine could go in and he asked if there had been plans for the non-slip coating to be put on the block around the pad perimeter. Gerold made note of both items.

Visionary Committee Update

Dobson and Goetz reported on the May day event planned for May 2. The plans are to clean up Riverside Park. Bags of goodies (balloons, toothbrushes, candy, etc.) are to be given to the first 200 children to join the event. The future amphitheater will be outlined in yellow tape for people to view. There will be a presentation on Frisbee golf.

Bike And Hike

Dobson that the trail from the new water treatment plant south to 313th would be completed at no cost to the city or park board. This would establish a basis for future expansion of the trail. Goetz made a motion to approve the completion of that portion of the trail at no cost to the city or park board. Peterson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Skate Park

Goetz didn't have much to offer on the dog park other than pointing out that the fence was the biggest expense and the fence the school has would work out well. The toughest remaining issue would be getting water to the site.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gerold reported that Riverside campground would be opening the next day.

Peterson asked if there could be anything done about people driving too fast in the parking lot at Mark Park. He suggested speed limit signs. Gerold will look into it.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Lane seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary