

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

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:32. Members present were: Cheryl Goetz, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider and Scott Suhsen. Blake Broding, Skeeter Lane and Stephanie Ketterl were absent. Also present were Bob Gerold and Dick Dobson.

Minutes for October 26, 2009 Meeting

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes for the October meeting. Goetz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

As the first order of business, Schneider brought up that Lane had submitted his resignation due to the number of meetings he would miss. In conjunction with that we discussed the fact that Ketterl was absent again. Ketterl has missed the last 4 meetings and 6 of the meetings held this calendar year. It was determined that she would be relieved of her board membership and Suhsen was asked to draft a letter to that effect.

As a result of that and Lane's resignation, the board will be looking for two new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park / Splash Park: Gerold reported that other than the pop machine not being removed from the picnic shelter yet (Bernick's responsibility), there wasn't much to report.

Picnic Tables: Schneider reported that our purchase of picnic tables this coming spring have been approved by the city.

Visionary Committee: Suhsen and Goetz reported on the visionary activities. In general there hasn't been any great leaps in achievement but things continue to move forward. There is a separate committee being formed that is more regional with representation from the townships and city. Dobson pointed out that he had asked Suhsen to be the park board member representative and Suhsen had accepted. Gail Kulick Jackson had attended the visionary meeting in the morning and pointed out that this committee will have more power to get funding specifically for parks and trails since that is its main focus.

Suhsen had recently walked part of the Frisbee golf course area since Sylva had been there to take out trees and brush. He was pleased with the outcome and enthused to see the progress. He asked about planting see on the bare areas although it is probably too late in the season. Suhsen is in the process of ordering the baskets for the golf course.

We discussed the doggie park and Goetz was asked for input as to what her vision was for the park. Fence is the biggest single piece of the puzzle and Gerold has it in the proposed budget. Water for drinking as well as maybe a pool of some sort for the dogs was brought up. Dobson thought small plastic pools that could be filled with water might fill the latter need. Gerold said that there were a lot of different configurations for fountains to choose from, even to the point of one that Frisbee golfers might duck under to cool off. Gerold thought that running a water line will be no big deal as there is water main in the area. Goetz also thought a bench for sitting would be good. Suhsen proposed that at some point a porta potty would be good. The location was discussed more thoroughly as well.

All activity and maintenance at Riebe Park may be limited and at times challenged because of the bridge construction this coming summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Parks and Trails Board: Dobson expanded on the regional parks and trails board being formed with details on the formation, organization and purposes of the board. Ciara Schlichting from Bonestroo will facilitate the first couple meetings. He expressed that the initial effort for the first couple meetings would be organizational and looking to define its purposes and how funding that it received would be allocated between participating entities.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Goetz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary