

Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On April 23, 2007 in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson, Mark Schneider, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were Ed Kingsley, Skeeter Lane, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider, Scott Suhsen and Mike Trunk. Absent board member was Brian Dorr. Also present were council member Dick Dobson and Tom Mismash.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

4th of July Fireworks Display / VFW & Legion

Members of the VFW and Legion approached the board for a donation towards the cost of the fireworks display. They presented some special plans for this year to honor veterans. They have at least \$5,000 of the \$12,000 they need, perhaps more but don't want to try to be raising funds late like last year. Skeeter made a motion to donate \$1,500 from park dedication. Mike seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park

Board members had received a packet of information that gave details on skate and bike park fixtures that the city of Monticello is selling. We reviewed the information and discussed the opportunity to try a skate park at a cheaper cost than originally anticipated. There was concern that there hasn't been a lot of interest in this as of late but this was tempered with the idea that this was a great chance to try this with less risk and investment. If the interest doesn't justify keeping the equipment we can resell it. We can situate the fixtures on the concrete basketball pad at Mark Park that is not getting much use anyway.

Minimum bid required is \$10,00 and all bids must be submitted by May 1, too early to review by the entire board again.

Scott, Tom, Mark and Mike made plans to go on Wednesday afternoon and look at the equipment. Mike made a motion that upon review of the equipment a bid could be submitted for not greater than \$18,000 for the equipment. Scott seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Park Entrance

Tom is still having difficulty finding the exact right lighting for the new pillars. He will continue to look and hopes that it can be done by Rum River Festival. He reminded us that the sign will be built with vandalism in mind. The company making the sign for us will keep it on their computer to remake as necessary.

Splash Park

Tom reported that they have had to flush the tank out. Otherwise they are having problems with water leaks at Mark Park so have not gotten to the point of turning on the water in the splash park yet.

Skeeter is starting to get things ready. He has one full time employee from the past couple years. He is trying to find another employee yet to work part time. The other part time employee will be working for Tom as well.

PUC Water Plant Construction

Tom updated us on the plant construction. They were very open to putting in a water fountain for access from the bike trail. They also will put an exterior entrance into the bathroom for bike trail users.

Visionary Committee

Scott reported some of the most recent developments. There are land acquisitions being completed for property east of the river. Some of the land is donated and one parcel donation is contingent on the purchase of another, which the DNR will cover 50% of the cost. This land would all be possibly part of a cross river park and camp ground area.

Scott also reported on interest in doing an amphitheater in the slope of Riverside Park. Scott reassured the board that whatever the committee decided would have to be approved by the park board.

Mike followed up with a report on the enthusiasm and interest the committee expressed in his presentation on our ideas on bike path locations into and thru the city.

Ag Lime For Ball Fields

Tom reported that there hasn't been time to get Ag Lime and now with road bans on it isn't practical. He is hoping to get a load soon that can at least be used for some maintenance and then in the fall after the fields aren't being used redo the ag lime then.

PUC Water Bill

Tom and Dick Dobson reported that nothing has changed since we last met. Bob Beattie came in as a guest later and some of this discussion went further but with nothing changed from PUC there was nothing to be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Aerated Fountain for Pond

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

Tom has gotten one bid from John Deere Landscapes and they did not send representation as Tom requested to review the information and needs of the situation. Tom is going to try and find other resources.

Street Lights

Tom was able to purchase 32 lights from the city of Zimmerman for \$5000. They will have to be rebuilt at the cost of \$250 to \$300 each (new ballast and bulbs) but this represents a significant savings over new. Tom has plans to put lights around the Mark Park play structures and on part of the path around the pond east of Hwy. 169 and south of 1st street. Dick Dobson also suggested the play structure at Riverside Park and Tom will look at that. As it is, only a few of the newly purchased lights will be used soon and the others will be available as we need.

Miscellaneous

Both Tom and Mark pointed out that there has been a lot of vandalism lately and it is a big problem.

There being no further discussion, Dick made a motion to adjourn. Skeeter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary