

Minutes of Regular Meeting – Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On March 26, 2007 in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson, Mark Schneider, called the meeting to order. Members present were Brian Dorr, Skeeter Lane, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider, Scott Suhsen and Mike Trunk. Absent board member was Ed Kingsley. 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.

Swearing in of Members

Mike, Scott and Brian were sworn in for their new terms.

New Business

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

Beautification Committee Discussion

Maureen Gould went over the plans for the northeast corner of the intersection of Hwy. 95 and Rum River Drive. Mark Schneider and Tom went over the discussion we had in our December meeting about what could be done to spruce up this area. They also brought up that we had dedicated \$1000 towards this project.

Maureen also brought up that the flower beds along the sidewalk from the south pocket park to the driveway to the south driveway for Coborn's has become too difficult to manage with the limited volunteer work they are able to get. It was suggested that grass could be planted there and maintained by those maintaining adjacent lawns already.

Old Business

Skate Park

Nothing to report.

Mark Park Entrance

Tom had copied everyone on the latest idea for the sign as well as showing us an older design we hadn't seen. The board members all liked the new design. Tom is having it made of aluminum in hopes it might stand up to vandalism. The company making the sign is Adversign. Skeeter made a motion to approve the cost of the sign up to \$1000. Dick seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Bike / Hike Trail Location

Mike brought aerial photos of the city and presented some ideas on where he thinks the bike trail could go. It sounds like we may be able to get a substantial amount of funding to make a bridge feasible for over Hwy. 169 and Mike pointed out many benefits to putting such a bridge where old 18, west of the hospital, crosses into town. There is a number of options from there for various trails and connections in the city and then the question of how we might connect to a trail going north from Princeton. Mark suggested that for now we should concentrate on getting a trail into town from the south. Mike is going to put together a map for the next meeting with more detail.

PUC Water Plant Construction

As a point of keeping us informed, Tom presented plans for a water plant that will be built by the city by the old railroad right of way just south of Crystal Cabinets. They have in the plans that a 20' easement for the bike trail is included in the plans. Tom brought up the idea of a water fountain there for the bike path. Mike made a motion to ask PUC to plumb for a drinking fountain on the trailside of the building. Brian seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Visionary Committee

Scott reported that he has gone to the last two visionary committee meetings and is still just getting his feet wet on everything since they have been getting together for quite a while. He gave out a copy of a letter put together by one of the committee members that summarizes the goals of the visionary committee. He gave an overview of what he understands are some of their goals as well as some of the strengths of a park board and visionary committee alliance.

New Business

Aerated Fountain for Pond

Tom presented some literature and ideas on a fountain for the pond east of Hwy. 169 and south of 1st street. There are a wide variety of fountain types and configurations along with different light options and aeration which will help to keep the pond from becoming stagnant. Cost, appearance and impact to the neighborhood (noise) were all points of consideration. Tom thought the most expensive and difficult part of the project might be getting the electrical service in for this.

Ag Lime For Ball Fields

Tom reported that the softball association is willing to kick in \$2000 for ag lime. Skeeter made a motion to match that with \$2000 from park dedication funds. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Tom expressed concern that we will be short of what we need and that we may have to go to a rotating system of doing a field a year.

Splash Park

Skeeter reported that the presentation at the expo this past weekend went very well. He was asked and agreed to managing the splash park again this year. He did say that he wanted to hire another worker this year above the one that he has to replace. Tom thought there might be a way to work something out with an employee he might have for the summer. Mike made a motion to designate Skeeter as the contractual manager under the same guidelines and with the same agreements as last year. Dick seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Tom reported that the campground host has asked to be host again this year.

Brian reported on the plan by the school to use the utility field this year for the new soccer program until fields are completed in the fall on school district property.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary