

Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board Held On March 24, 2008 in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were Brian Dorr, Stephanie Ketterl, Brian Dorr, Dick Peterson, Scott Suhsen and Mark Schneider. Absent was Ed. Also present were Tom Mismash and Dick Dobson.

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

For the sake of guests, we addressed new business items first:

NEW BUSINESS

Splash Park Update

Amy Altman from ARC, Jay Webber from Webber Recreational Design, Inc. and Bob Gerold from the city public works presented proposed changes and additions to the Splash Park. We first reviewed a proposal for new features for the present splash pad. We were then shown 2 separate proposals for water slide additions to the present. There was much discussion during and after the presentation with questions about safety, capacities, costs and child appeal. The water slide proposals are well out of our price range right now but certainly appealing as a future project for older kids.

Suhsen made a motion to purchase two new water features, the water bucket cluster and the water dump, using the \$15,000 that had been budgeted for this year for updates to the water park and the remaining, approximately \$6000, from park dedication contingent on approval by the city council. Lane seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt

Mismash briefly reported that the Easter egg hunt at Mark Park and sponsored by the radio station radio station went well despite the snow.

Visionary Committee / Bike & Hike Trail

Ketterl and Suhsen briefly reported on the Visionary Committee meeting earlier in the day. There are visionary committee members who would like to get the amphitheater seating done this summer as a way to show that something is getting done. There is some disapproval from park board members in that there is already a venue (depot flat car) for the same activities as what would typically be done at the amphitheater. There were questions about where the money for this was going to come from and also if there weren't better places to spend that money.

Splash Park Booth at Business Expo

Lane reported that not only is he doing the Princeton business expo this year but also the Elk River since so many people come from Elk River to use Princeton's splash park. Schneider also suggested that the Zimmerman business expo might be worth looking into. Lane was going to look into that.

Riverside Campground

Mismash confirmed that the owner of Town Mart has agreed to act as host and would pass thru the park at least twice a day and collect fees.

Dump Station At Mark Park

Peterson asked about what the plans were for the Mark Park dump station. There was discussion about how to handle this with concern for residents being able to use it while maybe charging non-residents. A number of alternatives were discussed. It was tabled for the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Lane seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Suhsen / Secretary