

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on September 28, 2009, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Mark Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were: Blake Broding, Cheryl Goetz, Skeeter Lane, Dick Peterson, Mark Schneider and Scott Suhsen. Stephanie Ketterl was absent. Also present were Bob Gerold and Dick Dobson.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Splash Park: LeeAnn Hartigan presented a near final summary of the splash park income and expenses. The report was near final in that she has a couple items that have not been paid for by sponsors yet. There were quite a few canceled parties, mostly because of the weather. The weather also contributed to low turnout, especially later in July and thru August. Total money taken in was over \$19,000 not counting the outstanding items. Hartigan could not present the total expenses as those costs were paid out by the city. Gerold said those were part of his budget and he would have to have Steve Anderson help him determine what that total was.

Mark Park Picnic Tables: Gerold said the city would prefer to budget for the picnic tables, even if it comes out of park dedication. The board was fine with putting the tables into the 2010 budget and getting them in the spring.

Bike And Hike Trails: Gerold reported that there was nothing to report. As a side note he brought up that CIP money of \$40,000 was redesignated as for asphalt and lighting and accompanying costs for a trail around Mark Park. Previously that this was just designated for paving at Mark Park.

Visionary Committee: Suhsen reported that he has been working on the baskets for the Frisbee golf course and he has been advised by a sales person that a less expensive basket, bought in volume, is available for less than \$300 each and is very durable. This represents about \$150 less per basket than originally expected. He advised getting the hole markers which are \$30 per basket. On top of that, when buying 9, we would get a tenth for free. Suhsen is still working on the details of shipping and possibly getting Crystal to back haul the baskets for nothing. He brought up that the visionary committee has \$1500 designated by donors for the Frisbee Golf Course. The visionary committee has asked the park board to match this. The donors for the Frisbee Golf Course have nearly unanimously asked that this project get going. On top of that the Reibes have expressed concern that things start moving forward.

Prior to the meeting the board had reviewed a memorandum from Jay Blake on Riebe Park Planning and that we should investigate grants that are available that would help pay for a lot of what would be done at Riebe Park including the golf course, the dog park and possibly even the bridge. The only problem is that the grants are for new parks, not existing parks.

Suhsen expressed that while the money from the grant would be significant it would be good if we could show some progress in the Frisbee Golf Course to the community and the donors.

Other members expressed concern that we don't ruin our chances at these grants but also appreciated that the community and the people donating money for the Frisbee Golf Course should see that we are doing something. There was also discussion with Gerold about how this compares with putting the picnic tables on hold but he said if we felt strongly enough about this we should proceed. Goetz made a motion for the board to use \$1500 of park dedication fees toward the Frisbee Golf Course baskets. Lane seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Industrial Park: Schneider brought up the idea of placing picnic tables by the large pond in the industrial park near USDP. Gerold brought up the idea of canvassing the businesses there and seeing how they would receive the idea and if some might even be interested in participating in the project..

Mark Park Parking: Broding brought up that if the parking lot were lined there could be a lot more cars parked in the parking lot. This could be considered for spring.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary