

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on April 22, 2013, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:02. Members present were Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Michael Misiura, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Bob Beattie and Mary Chapman were absent. Also present were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

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Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for the March meeting. Broding seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park: Gerold reported the fire department burned the Lind property house and shed. The sewer will be capped and the debris hauled away. West Branch Construction is going to help with the cleanup by loading city trucks to haul away the debris. The ground will be leveled and seeded. There are no other plans for the property for now. Zimmer was brought up to speed on the property. The hockey association needs to honor its agreement from the second sheet of ice in that they need to add another entrance / exit for the rinks and that would in all likelihood be thru the Lind property. At the time that is done we would probably add another entrance and more parking for the splash park. The mini golf course, if we should ever put that in, would fit near but not on that property, falling in the area between the splash park and the baseball field.

Splash Park: Gerold said the pumps have been pulled to inspect them and there were some pipes that weren't drained in the fall and they will be getting fixed. LeeAnn Hartigan is putting together a flyer for city residents who pay taxes and the opportunity for a special fee for them.

Riverside Park: No flooding yet. Fred and Darlene Ritenour are still planning on being camp hosts which the entire board is very happy for since they are experienced and have done a great job at keeping things in order there in the past.

Rainbow Park: Frederick mentioned that with Suhsen's report from last month they have marked on their computers to give the park extra attention. It's difficult because a lot of the activity there arrives on foot and can leave more readily than if by car.

Reibe Park: Gerold said the sign is not completed yet but it is being worked on. Once it's warm enough, the water will be turned on. The park is busy. Suhsen asked about class 5 being put in some of the bad spots on the park entrance and Gerold responded it's already on his list. Frederick related that Bloomington had recently had to close a dog park for two weeks because of a dog cough virus. We don't expect such a problem with the lower volume of users.

Pioneer Park: Very wet! The terraced areas done last fall are greening up already. Gerold explained to the board the mechanics of the structures and how they work to reduce erosion.

Riverview Park: Very wet! Lots of wildlife seen by both Gerold and Broding.

MISCELLANEOUS

May meeting: Due to the normal meeting date falling on Memorial day we discussed moving the date. Frederick felt with everything going on there is a need to meet. Gerold pointed out by meeting a week earlier we would be meeting before the splash park opens. **We decided to meet on May 20th at 6:00 pm.**

Umbrellas: Gerold has received the 12' umbrella and asked the company not to send the 20' umbrella until June.

PAVC Music Event: Suhsen reported that PAVC is planning on hosting a music event on the Friday of Rum River Festival. It will be held in Riverside Park again.

Text For Money Program: For those not familiar, Frederick explained the text to donate program as it works for Hennepin County. He has gotten feedback that the company that handles their program would not typically handle a community (city) the size of Princeton. He asked for, and got information on a smaller company that might. As before, the participant would use their phone to text a designated number to donate money to the parks. The donation would appear on the donor's phone bill. Part of the donation is taken by the phone company and part by the company running the program.

Maintenance Budget: Frederick said that he thinks Carie Fuhrman is working on summarizing the park amenity values in the eventuality that a budget can be established that would cover the replacement of worn or damaged pieces beyond what we could do with the present operating budget.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Broding seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:34.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary