

# Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on May 20, 2013, in the Chambers of City Hall

Note that this meeting was held a week early due to the normal date for the meeting falling on Memorial Day

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:00. Members present were Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Michael Misiura, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Misiura joined the meeting at 6:58, Vita left the meeting at 6:40. Also present were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

## Minutes for April 22, 2013, Meeting

Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 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 Ball Fields:** There have been complaints and issues with the scheduling of the softball fields at Mark Park. The police have even had to go and mediate a solution in a few cases. The problem is mostly that the association that has taken responsibility for the scheduling has blocked out most of the time for their own programs without leaving time for other organizations like the church leagues. There was a lot of discussion about possible solutions. Gerold offered a change to the wording of the Mark Park Softball Field Policy but the board wasn't sure that was adequate. Vita suggested seeing what other communities do. Gerold said that Shawna Jenkins is working with the association to resolve this issue. Gerold is also going to talk to Mark Karnowski about solutions as well as possibly check again what other communities do (our original policy was put together by looking at other community policies). We felt that it should be possible for the association to use one lit field and one unlit field and leave the third field open. The JV ball field can be used by the oldest youth programs as well.

The board was in consensus that the fields are for everyone to use and that people should have the opportunity to drop in some times and just play on a field. We don't want to exclude anyone from an opportunity to use a softball field at times while recognizing that there is a big demand for what space is available in the community.

**Mark Park Concession Building:** Gerold reported there were some issues with the use of the concession building by the Jaycees and that they had changed the locks without city approval. The issue has been resolved. The city attorney is updating the use permit / agreement for the building.

**Mark Park Retaining Wall Project:** Gerold said that while they will work on the retaining wall this summer, they will pace the project for completion in fall when the splash park is closed (less traffic in that area) and grass seeding is more effective. Frederick mentioned that they would be looking for volunteer help such as from the hockey team for some of the grunt work in the project.

**Mark Park Solheim Field Fence:** Zimmer said the fence for Solheim Field will be painted this year to freshen it up as it is starting to get rugged looking.

**Splash Park:** Gerold said the splash park is ready to go after the usual hiccups. Mark Antchzak from Boss Control is offering to volunteer with helping with programming and security again. Suhsen suggested that some sort of recognition for his help should be done, a thank you or a plaque at the splash park or something.

Suhsen mentioned that he had seen a schedule for splash park events this summer and thought the board should get copied on it. Gerold was going to have Lee Ann Hartigan do that.

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### **Splash Park (continued):**

Chapman asked about the splash park attendant building project and Gerold said that would be done after the splash park is closed for the season. It will work in with the terracing project plus since the plan is to have the school build it, it has to be done during the school year.

Frederick asked about the large umbrellas and Gerold said that the one for inside the splash park had been received but only the packaging had been inspected for damage. With preparations for Memorial Day, the late spring and all the spring work, there hasn't been time for some things.

**Riverside Park:** Fred and Darlene Ritenour are back as camp hosts and there has been some use of the campground already. Gerold reminded the board that the sanitary station at Mark Park will not be open and will not be open for the foreseeable future; at this time a sign at the site of the dump station points out the dump station at the gas station at the south end of town. That station can be used for \$10 or is free for those buying gas and also will be free to those camping at Riverside Park.

**Rainbow Park:** Broding said that on the city web site there is information that confuses Rainbow and Veterans (Triangle) Park. He also said there is a flower pot tipped at Veterans Park.

The fact that Veterans Park isn't normally listed on the agenda was brought up at which Suhsen mentioned that neither was Civic Center Park which he thought was supposed to fall under the park board's responsibility with the exception of the building and parking lot. Gerold is going to check into that.

**Reibe Park:** The water has been turned on and the park is getting used. Gerold said the sign is not completed yet but it is being worked on. The parking lot and drive have been graded some.

**Pioneer Park:** There are no erosion issues and the seeding is taking hold in the areas worked last fall.

**Riverview Park:** Still wet! Frederick, Broding and Gerold told of chasing 4-wheelers out. We asked if no motorized vehicles be placed wherever people might be accessing the park in that manner. Gerold is going to take care of that.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**June meeting:** Frederick suggested we have the next meeting at Mark Park to review some of the projects there.

**Bike Racks:** Chapman asked about the bike racks. Gerold said the school made 12 of them. The locations will be selected in accordance with the stipulations set forth by the SHIP grant.

**Distinguished Service Award Banquet:** Chapman brought up that the banquet is coming up June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that Mark Antchzak from Boss Control be so honored this year. Suhsen made a motion to invite Antchzak to the dinner and that four tickets would be purchased with two going to Antchzak and his guest and the other two for the presenters. Also Gerold will get a plaque made as we had last year for Rick Johnson. The tickets and plaque will come from the park operating budget. Beattie seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Frederick asked about the affects on the budget of things like this. Gerold said that things like this are part of normal operating expense. Suhsen offered that the savings we have from the volunteer work by Antchzak is well worth the recognition dinner and attending costs.

**Adjournment** There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Broding seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:04.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary