

Minutes of Regular Meeting Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on June 24, 2013, in the North Splash Park Picnic Shelter

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. Also present were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Llama Meet and Greet: The city had been approached by a 4-H club about having a meet and greet with llamas in Mark Park. The issue had been passed on to the park board. There was some discussion about the issue at which point Broding made a motion to approve a meet and greet in Mark Park, not to be in any of the fenced in areas of the park and that the organizers clean up after the animals. The organizers would also have to get the date approved by Bob Gerold and the city council.

There was further discussion including input from Chapman who had once owned llamas and said they are not necessarily friendly animals. Zimmer suggested that if the board and council approved this, the liability would fall on the city.

The motion died for lack of a second.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park: Several areas have been vandalized (graffiti). Frederick reported that they have not caught the perpetrators yet but had gotten some individuals responsible for graffiti in other areas in town. Gerold has had a community service person working on covering and / or getting rid of the graffiti in Mark Park. He also has spoken with Lee Steinbrecher and they could apply a clear coat sealer to the block on the Mark Park picnic shelter where some of the graffiti was done and it would prevent spray paint from sticking to the block.

Gerold reported that all the play ground equipment had been inspected earlier in the day and passed inspection. With all that has happened (storm, flooding, etc.) the large umbrellas for the splash park and picnic shelter areas will probably not get put in until August. He also outlined the plans for the retaining wall reconfiguration and reconstruction later in the summer and the accompanying landscaping.

Beattie brought up the issue of batter's eye sight line, especially for left handed batters being in line with the tallest spray structure in the splash park. There was discussion about planting one or more trees to block the view line although trees were put there a while ago and just have not reached an effective height. There was also discussion of a temporary structure added to the top of the outfield fence in that area until the trees reach the necessary height. Zimmer offered to look into if youth baseball would be able to help with the cost of moving taller trees to an appropriate spot. Suhsen suggested that this is not the time of the year to move trees so there should be time to address this if trees becomes the solution.

Splash Park: Gerold reported that attendance has been picking up with the improved weather after a slow start with the cool, wet weather we had earlier in June. The state inspected the splash park last week and their only actionable item was a need for a sign for the phone location. Vita asked if there had been any response or issues with the new fee schedule, specifically the PUC utility bill price break. Gerold said he hadn't heard of anything one way or another. Gerold pointed out that the splash park pump house had also been hit by vandals and that it is getting repainted.

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Riverside Park: The park is flooded and there isn't much to report beyond that. The wall behind Steven's restaurant (park property) was also hit with graffiti.

Rainbow Park: The park has been getting more use lately. Gerold reported that there had been a chainsaw training class there and from that there were a couple trees down. Other dead trees will be dealt with this fall. People interested in cutting up **downed** trees for the wood can do so with permission.

Reibe Park: The park is flooded. Gerold reported that the park had been sprayed for mosquitoes.

Pioneer Park: The park is flooded. Gerold reported that the park had been sprayed for mosquitoes due to additional use there and requests for such. There are areas the seeding in the erosion control areas have not taken and the contractor is going to be asked to come back and address that and a couple areas where some stabilization structures have moved some.

Riverview Park: This park is flooded as well. The 'No motorized vehicles' signs are on order.

Veteran's (Triangle) Park: Gerold reported the flower pot that had been bent over was removed by a volunteer for repair and will be replaced when fixed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Civic Center: Gerold confirmed that the civic center grounds is park land.

Projects List For School: Gerold reported that the bike racks are getting powder coated. Vita suggested that we make a list of projects the school could help with after that concession building is done for the splash park. A couple ideas thrown out were a bathroom for Reibe Park and a picnic shelter for Reibe Park.

Misiura Resignation: Misiura told the board that he is resigning his position on the board effective after the August meeting. Vita made a motion to accept his August resignation, Chapman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Broding seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary