

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**Princeton Parks & Recreation Board**  
Held on October 22, 2012, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 5:58. Members present were Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Michael Misiura, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Also present were Bob Gerold, Dick Dobson, Carie Fuhrman.

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Chapman asked for a correction to the September 24 minutes: she did not help Frederick with his proposal for projects for Mark Park. Vita added that Frederick and Gerold really did most of the work. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Vita seconded the motion. There being no additional corrections of discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Dedication Fees:** Fuhrman briefly discussed a memorandum she had prepared for the park board regarding park dedication fees, how they can be collected and how they can be used. This had arisen from a request by board chairperson to give the board more clear guidelines on this subject.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Splash Park:** Cary Hartigan joined us briefly to present LeeAnn's Splash Park year end summary. He had a set of advertisement copies and statistics for the year. While attendance was down slightly, the overall income was slightly up. It seems counter intuitive, but in real hot weather attendance is not good. Bob took the task to have Steve Jackson put together a report on the cost side if LeeAnn doesn't have that.

**Mark Park:** The trail expansion is to the point that the class is down and after some paperwork the pavement will be done. Beattie asked Fuhrman about what dedicated bike trails are available now. There was discussion about what was available but more about what is planned including the east west trail along highway 95 and the trail from Elk River. Vita complimented Gerold on how well he and his people get Mark Park cleaned up after some of the youth events that occur there.

**Riverside Park:** The hosts have left but are planning on coming again next year. The park has been winterized. They did receive their \$50 gift certificate to Steven's.

**Riebe Park:** The park is still getting used. The pillars are up for the sign and Gerold is trying to find out who made the big sign for Mark Park so that we can match that sign.

**Rainbow Park:** Gerold said they are trying to mulch the leaves instead of picking them up in an effort to save some money.

**Pioneer Park:** There is still watering being done on the area that was landscaped for erosion control. Nothing else to report.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Frederick had a suggestion from something he had seen in Three Rivers. They have signs up in parks that encourages people to text a number to make a donation to the park. He said that they actually get quite a bit of money that way. Fuhrman and Frederick are going to look into it further and find out what it would take to do this.

Chapman had a question on a few items on the budget and Gerold is going to look into those.

**It Starts Here! Alley clean-up:** The alley behind Napa to Ossels was cleaned by Vita's son's cub scout troop.

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Misiura commented that there are no maps on the city web site showing where the parks are. Frederick suggested that written directions to each park from different directions could also be included. Fuhrman will look into it.

Gerold mentioned that the city had gotten \$200 from PAVC for the help the city crew did in preparing the site for the Rhythm on the Rum event they hosted in Riverside Park.

**Adjournment** There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Vita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:46.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary