

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on February 27, 2012, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent was Cheryl Goetz. Also present were Bob Gerold, Dick Dobson and Carie Fuhrman.

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Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 23rd meeting. Frederick seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park: Nothing to report.

Splash Park:

Lee Ann Hartigan joined us and gave a presentation for this coming year. There is a separate web address for the splash park with all the details on hours, rates, etc. She presented a copy of the 2012 Splash Park Reservation Form. This form will be required to reserve the park for parties and each reservation will be given a reservation number. The intent of the new process is to reduce the likelihood of double booking the park for parties and to take the responsibility away from the park attendants. Hartigan also presented a copy of an ad which will be used as a promotional tool for the splash park offering a free admission with a paid admission. The splash park will be at the business expo.

Riverside

Dobson brought up that a recent meeting of himself, Dave Thompson (PUC) Rick Johnson (Rum River) and the city engineer had determined that the cost of moving the water main is going to be from \$90,000 to \$100,000. A big part of the unexpected size of the sum is that the water service to Steven's would have to be moved from the water main behind the building to the water main in front of the building. There really is no alternative routes for the water main and it needs to be moved from the area so that should there ever be problems there wouldn't be expenses related to moving and then repairing parts of the amphitheater.

There are two grant programs available to apply for that may help with this situation.

- ⤴ DNR Regional Park Grant: up to \$500,00 grant; requires 40% match which can be a mix of cash and in-kind donations.
- ⤴ Legacy Grant: up to \$500,000, requires 20% **cash** match.

Dobson said that PUC cannot donate or tax for this kind of activity. He also pointed out that the PAVC booth at the business expo plans to have a model of the amphitheater. He asked for help in getting cardboard for Dave Patten to use for creation of the model.

Gerold reported that Mark Karnowski had been asked by the DNR if the city was still interested in a fishing pier. They have funds available (Legacy money). Karnowski had replied that, 'yes' the city is still interested. No further action was required of the board since this was an item from the past. Fuhrman reported that she is trying to find an outfitter that would be interested in the old piazza place as a place to rent tubes and canoes from. She has one party but they want a local investment, money and help, to justify their investment.

Rainbow Park: Nothing to report.

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Riebe Park:

The park is still getting used despite this being winter. There has been enough negative feedback on the three sided fence for the dog park that Gerold is going to close in the fourth side. People who wish to run their dogs in the river will be able to exit through a gate in the back. We discussed lighting, at least for the parking lot and Gerold said that is a possibility for the future. Other amenities for the dog park, water, hydrant, bench, etc. will go in this spring.

Pioneer Park:

The bench dedicated to Mark Schneider was heavily vandalized. City employees 'rescued' it from the river and fixed it and put it back in place. How to prevent this from happening again or at least methods for catching the perpetrator(s) was discussed.

Riverview Park: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Trail Grant Application Update: Fuhrman reported that she had received several letters of support from various organizations. She will continue pursuing that.

Comprehensive Park & Trail Plan Update: Fuhrman may be able to get a \$4000 Initiative Foundation grant to cover the cost of the mapping and plan.

Civic Center Park (Renovation Project): Fuhrman is working with others to try to put an organization together or to enlist the help of existing organizations to refurbish the civic center. Gerold reported that basically the building needs attention from top to bottom and front to back. Roof, insulation, appliances, etc. Broding mentioned A to Z as a possible source for new (used) commercial appliances. Gerold said that there may be a range / oven in the basement of the funeral home that would be difficult to move but probably free. The bathrooms would have to be made handicap accessible as well.

Dobson said that the VFW is going to quit their pull tabs and that they have money to disburse and that he had asked them to consider the civic center as a consideration as a worthy recipient.

Distinguished Service Award: Dobson recommended that this item gets tabled until next meeting as it is questionable if there will be a Distinguished Service Award Banquet this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dobson brought up that the school district is trying for a Safe Routes To School grant. The city is going to submit a letter of support. Suhsen offered that the PAVC should be asked for a letter of support as well as they have discussed this program and what it could add to the community to and to the trail system.

Broding brought up the idea of a cross walk at the intersection of Rum River Drive and 29th Street. Gerold recommended that he direct that concern to the county.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary