

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on March 24, 2014, in the Chambers of City Hall

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

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Broding made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Pruett seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park: Gerold reported that the fertilizer for the softball fields and JV baseball field have been delivered.

Splash Park: Gerold summarized a report on the splash park booth at the business expo laast month: Leeanne Hartigan had a drawing for a free month of visits for one family. 127 people signed up and a family of seven in Milaca won and chos the month of July for their free visits. There were 47 free passes given out and 62 buy one get one sales.

Gerold and Tim Jenson with the city went to pool school to renew their five year licenses.

Riverside Park: Gerold said that there are eight new duck houses to put up. Cub scouts assembled kits, made by scout leader Dave Good from material supplied by the city park budget.

Rainbow Park: Gerold had nothing to report. Broding said there was new graffiti on the outhouse.

Reibe Park: Gerold said that some of the duck houses would be put up at Reibe. Also there is brushing being done, especially in the area of holes 3 and 4 to get rid of buck thorn.

Pioneer Park: Nothing to report.

Riverview Park: There is brushing being done here as well. The brushing will help control the buckthorn but also the mosquitoes by reducing shade and making it easier for city staff to get into the park and treat the small ponds for mosquitoes.

Civic Center Park: Skating is done. Gerold said the rink got some use and there were inquiries about skating through the season.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Park Pamphlet: We briefly discussed the pamphlet that had been put together for distribution at the business expo. The consensus was that it was well done. Pruett suggested more action shots with people, for example, playing at the disc golf course.

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said that nothing has changed since last meeting – still working on funding and grant writing.

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Community Garden: Gerold mentioned that there would be a meeting at city hall on March 25 about a community garden. The site would likely be between the cemetery and highway 169. There would be minimal costs. Pruett offered that typically this type of offering would be in a more densely populated area. Broding said there would be interest though for those who don't get enough sun in their yards.

Publicity feedback: Pruett had done an informal survey of people and got some feedback. One of the main things he heard people ask for was a pool. We discussed why we didn't have a pool, that other communities in the area have outdoor pools and that we do have three indoor pools in the community and a splash park.

The other popular request was for more paved bike trails. Gerold mentioned that there are trails coming up including the mile trail south of the new water treatment plant. There are other activities going on working on more trails.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Suhsen made a motion to adjourn. Pruett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:29.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary