

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on March 23, 2015, in the Chambers of City Hall

Vice Chairperson Carla Vita called the meeting to order at 6:02. Members present were Judy Ludwig, Jill Papesh, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent were Bob Beattie, Todd Frederick and Chris Pruett. Also attending was Bob Gerold.

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

NEW BUSINESS

School Approved for use on Mark Park Fields: Gerold reported that he had met with the school Athletic Director and groundskeeper and given approval for the school to use the fields at Mark Park. At issue is that too heavy use too early in the season can be hard on the fields.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park: Gerold reported that all parks, and especially Mark Park have been cleaned up. Mark Park is typically worse because of its size and proximity to residential areas; garbage often blows free during garbage pickup.

Splash Park: Gerold mentioned that the business expo generated a lot of traffic for the splash park. People are already trying to book parties. There is an ad in the paper for workers for this coming summer. Gerold said that Milaca is planning on adding their own splash park.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that the oversize chair has already been vandalized and that the responsible parties have been caught. The put wood chips around the chair and had left over chips that they added around the playground equipment.

Rainbow Park: Gerold reported that they still have perhaps a week to cut dead trees, weather permitting, and after that the rest will have to wait until later in the year. Kids had made a fort of old mattresses that they had to remove.

Reibe Park: The park has been busy. Gerold said that the Yetzer power line crew that is in the area had cleared brush from south of the dog park along the river and then inland from there towards basket number seven on the disc course.

Pioneer Park: Nothing to report.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Gerold reported that the Yetzer crew spent a day in the Park and cleared a lot of buck thorn to a level the city crew will be able to maintain.

Civic Center Park: Gerold reported the skating rink is closed. The park is getting used and not just by people walking from nearby.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Thank You Lunch: The lunch went well. It was discussed to have this become an annual event. Papesh asked that next time we plan it further in advance so that board members can make it to the lunch. Thank you to Ludwig for getting the pizzas donated by Coborn's and those who made and donated brownies! Papesh offered that Kems is often interested in donating to causes and when asked she said she would check if they would be interested in donating for a splash park event.

MISCELLANEOUS

Volunteer Nomination: We discussed if we would want to nominate someone for the volunteer recognition dinner in June. Papesh brought up the civic center volunteers but after Gerold started listing all the volunteers for that project that idea was set aside with possibly an ad in the paper or thank you article instead. The topic was tabled to put on next months agenda.

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said 4R board did not meet and the last PAVC meeting was dedicated to planning for the business expo which went well, even receiving a \$50 donation.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be April 27, 2015.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Papesh made a motion to adjourn. Suhsen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary