

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on June 22, 2015, at Mark Park

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members present were Bob Beattie, Todd Frederick, Jill Papesh, Chris Pruett, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita (joined us about 10 minutes late. Absent was Judy Ludwig. Also attending was.

Minutes for May 26, 2015, Meeting

Papesh made a motion to approve the minutes for May 26th. Pruett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jolene Foss, Community Development Coordinator, joined the first part of our meeting to introduce herself and to summarize her plans for grant applications. A couple grants that Carie Fuhrman had applied to and which we did not get, Foss is going to reapply for. She is going to apply for three grants with background information pulled together in the regional plan the 4R board had put together :

- Regional Trail Classification for non-motorized.
- Natural Resource Base Regional – pulling on the Wild and Scenic status of the Rum River.
- Special Recreational Feature Regional Park – also based on the Wild and Scenic status of the Rum River.

Foss is trying to make sure the newly paved trail on the south end of the city gets classification as park so that it adds to the total park space the city has. After the presentation there was some discussion. The park board is in support of her efforts with no dissent or concerns from any of the board members.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park:

Shade Update: The playground shades are at the park ready to be put up and Gerold is hoping to have them up next week. The big read umbrella by the splash park picnic shelter has gotten attention from the baseball field stands.

Splash Park: Gerold reported that the log dump feature broke again and they exchanged it for a curtain spray we already had. There is money in next year's budget to replace the log dump with something new. Mark Anzack from Boss will be helping to evaluate what will be needed to update the security cameras at the park and if and how they can communicate to the police officers on patrol. So far attendance has been hit or miss, as has the weather.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that he and mayor Whitcomb have been in communication with Mark and Donna Walsh, owners of the building by the bridge in the park (presently occupied by a tattoo parlor). They are looking into the possible purchase of the building with the idea of using it for several functions which may include several of the following ideas:

- Lower level to be remodeled to serve as the bathroom (and showers?) for the campground.
- Lower level for canoe rental (and bike?).
- Upper level to be used by chamber of commerce (moved from city hall).
- Upper level to be used as a visitor center.
- Upper level serving as camp host in some fashion.
- Collection of campground fees moved to that building instead of the post in the park.

The city nor the park board wants to deliberately displace the tattoo parlor that is there now and would hope to be able to help that business find a new location in town. This is something being discussed as possible for next year.

Gerold and Suhsen reported that PAVC chairperson, Carroll Ossell has obtained more funding for the roof of the Riverside Park picnic shelter and is in the process of checking what the cost of the materials would be (if they have changed from the last quote she got from Marv's) and if the quote for labor is still valid. Gerold and Suhsen think the total cost she has quoted seems high but we will have to see what she comes up with.

Rainbow Park: Gerold reported the park is getting used and not abused.

Reibe Park: Gerold reported that all the tee signs have been replaced with heavier metal ones. Pruettt mentioned that the one complaint he has heard about the disc course is that the tee signs are too close to the tee boxes. Suhsen concurred. Gerold is going to look into moving them away from the tees. We also discussed setting up the extra basket for putting practice. Pruettt will be meeting with Gerold at the park to help chose a place for that. Finally, Frederick had someone question the safety of the dog park with regards to canine flu. We've heard nothing to indicate we should be concerned as the only reported case was not near Princeton at all. No change unless monitoring of the issue indicates otherwise.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported the park has been sprayed for mosquitoes. Nothing else to report.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Gerold reported the 4-wheelers seem to finally be under control. Frederick asked if the park sign could be changed to have the full park name on it. Because it is a carved sign, Gerold said he will have to get a fully new one.

Civic Center Park: The park is getting well used. One of the concrete culverts discussed at the last meeting ended up not suitable for use in the parks so Gerold is going to keep an eye out for a different one.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Frederick brought up that he thinks the vandalism and other problems in the parks has been reduced. Gerold agreed.

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen reminded everyone that 4R board is taking a summer hiatus to regroup. PAVC continues to work on fund raising ideas as well as the Riverside Park shelter roof.

Pruett expressed appreciation for the flowers and condolences from the park board.

Drone Videos: The videos have not been completed because Joe Schwartz had surgery and hasn't been able to get around. He is getting close to being able to get back to the task.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Pruettt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary

Please Note, Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at Mark Park on July 27th.