

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on July 25, 2011, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:31. Members present were: Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Cheryl Goetz, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. No one was absent.. Also present were Bob Gerold and Dick Dobson.

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Goetz made a motion to approve the June 27, 2011, minutes. Chapman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park - Trees:

There hasn't been anything to add or replace trees and without it budgeted there may not be much until next year. One tree outside of Solheim field is leaning due to recent winds; Gerold is going to see if it can be up righted and staked.

Mark Park - Mark Schneider Benches:

The benches are in but haven't been unpacked yet.

Mark Park - Security Cameras:

The computers and cameras are up and running. They have been helpful in reducing vandalism at Mark Park and have been key to apprehending a couple individuals. A couple cameras were donated and the quality of the images of the new cameras are much better than our first cameras. Gerold is looking into further updates to the system. Frederick said that the updated system might allow the camera access to be web based which would give the police access to the images from their patrol cars. He added that they have done some plain clothes operations that have been successful in helping reduce vandalism.

Mark Park - Mark Memorial Park Trail:

Gerold reported that it has been too wet to do any work on the trail. The Knife River donation of \$2000 was approved by the city.

Splash Park:

The splash park has been very busy with the rash of hot weather we have been having. The biggest issue / complaint has been that the toilets in the picnic shelter have been getting plugged

Riverside Park:

Gerold reported that the host has been very much on top of things and as a result there have been few problems at Riverside. The board discussed again the idea of rewarding the host at the end of the season with a gift certificate to one of the local restaurants, perhaps Steven's which is right nearby. The hope is to encourage the host to return next year. Broding is going to talk to Kate Hunter at city hall about this.

Dobson reported that the well in Riverside has been plugged and that possibly this week yet Anderson Implement would be tearing down and hauling away the well house.

Rainbow Park:

More trees are down. Broding asked that if trees are brought in to replace those lost if they could be situated in a manner that would eventually create an open area for kids to play ball. or kick ball. Board members expressed support for this idea.

Riebe Park - Disc Golf:

Gerold reported that the brown highway signs are up. Knowing that, Suhsen said he would be registering the course on the internet sites that compile that information.

Riebe Park - Dog Park:

Gerold reported it has been too wet to do the seeding and put up the fence. There has been discussion by the city council to require permits and pay fees to use the dog park. While some municipalities do charge, board members felt that the original intent was to not charge. Certainly if someone wanted to make donations they would be accepted> Goetz made a motion to not support a permit fee for the dog park at this time. Suhsen seconded the motion. There was further discussion about whether more detail was needed in the motion but the board ultimately decided to let the motion stand as initiated. Suhsen offered that if at some point there came to be a need for a permit and or a fee it could be addressed at that time. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Pioneer Park:

The park is wet. Gerold said the trails in the park have been widened.

Riverview Park:

Other than being very wet there was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Next meeting:

Gerold mentioned that we traditionally have one meeting in Mark Park each summer and asked the board if we wished to do that or have a meeting in one of the other parks that. It was decided that the next meeting will be at Mark Park in whichever picnic shelter closest to the splash park is available.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Vita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary