

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**Princeton Parks & Recreation Board**  
Held on July 23, 2012, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:10. Members present were Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Michael Misiura arrived late. Bob Beattie was absent. Also present were Bob Gerold and Carie Fuhrman.

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Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 25th, 2012, meeting. Frederick seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mark Park:** Gerold reported that the camera that faces Solheim Field has been repaired. The park in general has been very busy and this past weekend that was apparently from a couple tournaments. The Lind house will be burned soon.

**Splash Park:** Very busy. There had been an issue with advance ticket sales and how they were supposed to be punched. That turned out to be an employee training issue which has been addressed.

**Riverside Park:** Wet but no problems with that. The hosts have had to call police a number of times but have kept on the situation so that the problems are kept to a minimum. Chapman had heard that there were questions about having signs that give directions in the park but that hadn't been communicated to Gerold. Fuhrman offered that PAVC has applied for a grant for the amphitheater.

**Rainbow Park:** Gerold and Broding discussed that the park isn't getting used as much as it used to. Gerold pointed out the children in the area are older now and that it is a bit cyclical. Broding said that the Lions is not building picnic tables right now and with the passing of Gerold Hoff it might be a while before that happens since Hoff was a power behind those types of efforts on the part of the Lions.

**Riebe Park:** Gerold is planning on starting the large sign for the park soon. Suhsen reported that the missing tee sign has been replaced.

**Pioneer Park:** Gerold reported that there was a preconstruction meeting on the bank restoration and the construction will start in about a week and a half. Some dirt will be moved from the embankment to decrease the slope. It will be moved to areas outside the flood plain and seeded in prairie grass.

**Riverview Park:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Share The Road Signage:** Fuhrman is looking into details on the signs and the potential for funding as from SHIP or other grants.

**Comprehensive Park and Trail Plan:** Fuhrman presented survey results that she had gotten. Copies were handed out to the board members for them to review at their leisure. Also the school has received a Safe Ways to School grant and she is going to be working with the new business manager for the school district with plans for sidewalks and other fixtures to improve safety for kids to and from school.

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**Depreciation Fund for the Parks:** Vita asked Gerold if he had found out if there was a depreciation fund in the city budget to. The purpose would be, for example, to have a fund set aside to replace a chunk of playground equipment if it were deemed no longer usable. Gerold replied that there is no such fund. There was discussion about how to approach the council about this and what it would entail up front such as an inventory of the park amenities and their value. Fuhrman offered to look into whether there might be a short cut money and time wise to develop that inventory. Without that it would be difficult to determine what the annual set aside amount should be.

**Michael Misiura Sworn In:** Broding swore in new board member Michael Misiura.

**Adjournment** There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Misiura seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary