

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on July 28, 2014, at Riverside Park

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:00. Members present were Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Jill Papesh and Scott Suhsen. Absent was Chris Pruett. Also attending were Keith Kohler and Jules Zimmer. Carla Vita joined the meeting at 6:23.

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

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park Playground: Frederick reported that the playground equipment has been ordered. There was one thing missed in the original quote: it did not include installation. Bob Gerold had asked Amber Aspengren from Flagship Recreation to come out and look at what could be done to keep the slide rail since it is so popular; it will be a matter of siting it away from the other apparatuses. City crew members are not real busy right now so some of them with supervision by Kohler will install the new pieces. Kohler has experience with installing playground equipment and feels confident it won't be bad and may take only two days to complete. He said that there are not a lot of fixed ground pieces to be installed which take more time and care. Frederick brought up that there are some concerns with the tire swing being too close to some slides and that will be addressed. We summarized what is being done for Papesh who missed the last meeting.

Mark Park: the question was raised if there had been a purchase of a chain net for the basketball court and if lines had been painted. Kohler was going to look into it.

The World Little League tournament was brought up and asked if anything more had been heard or learned about that possibly coming to Princeton. Kohler will discuss with Bob Gerold.

Splash Park: Kohler reported that the chemical controller has been replaced for \$1895. Frederick said attendance is down and so the profit / loss outcome may be worse this year. Kohler countered that with the fact that chemical use is down and water use is down due to some changes he has made that reduced costs may help offset some of the profit loss. Frederick said that the new grass is looking good. He asked if the big umbrella could be up soon so that when the playground is updated and the newspaper does an article on the park updates that will be included. Kohler suggested we wait so the grass can get better established as the umbrella will draw traffic into that area.

NOTE: At this point, Vita joined the meeting.

Frederick brought up concern for something to be done along the top of the new retaining wall so that people might not accidentally wander off the edge and get hurt. He brought up using day lilies which Kohler says we have a supply of. Other ideas were briefly discussed. Nothing was decided on at this time but should be considered for the future.

Riverside Park: Kohler reported that the silted areas from flooding were cleaned up and reseeded; the grass is patchy but coming along. Frederick mentioned that Ritenours have given notice that this will be the last year they host the campground. Broding brought up that there was a rope swing into the river. Kohler will look into it.

Rainbow Park: Nothing to report.

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Reibe Park: Broding brought up that there is a scout looking for an eagle scout project in the park. The scout is interested in doing a foot path and possibly benches. Because of the restrictions for trails and tree removal along the river, Frederick suggested the scout meet with Kohler or Bob Gerold. Another idea the scout was considering was to make the course into an 18 hole course. Suhsen said that plans for an 18 hole course had been done at the start but that 2 or 3 of the baskets were to be accessible only by a rather long foot bridge, a rather huge project for an eagle scout. Other ideas that were thrown out was putting in actual tee boxes and moving the tee signs away from the tee boards. Broding is going to talk the situation over more with the scout.

Frederick brought up that the Reibe family is considering donating some benches for the park. There was a long discussion about whether we had a standard bench design. Kohler said we really didn't have a standard but that some designs / construction methods have worked better than others. Kohler is going to try to put together a summary of what has been used in the parks so far and what types work best.

Pioneer Park: Nothing to report.

Riverview Park: It was discovered that the Park was originally named Riverview Terrace Nature Park as donated by Marvin George Builders. Bob Gerold is preparing a mockup of a new sign to reflect that name.

Civic Center Park: Kohler said the warming house had been hit with graffiti. It was brought up that the nothing had been done about the balance beam, tether ball and plastic culvert tunnel; Kohler is going to check into that.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Picnic Shelter at Riverside Park: Broding said the Lions had approved \$750 for materials and labor to replace the picnic shelter metal roof and gable ends at Riverside Park. This was at a request from Carol Ossell on behalf of the PAVC board. The roof will match metal roofs in the parks including the Solheim roofs which will be done next year.

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said there was nothing new to report other than that the two organizations are discussing working together on fund raising. Suhsen also brought up the Minnesota Design Team and what that organization is and will do. As one of only a few cities to be visited in a year, it's a privilege that the city was selected. The MDT will visit in September to review what the city has and what it needs as determined from citizen input. They then present a plan for improvements based on what they are asked to do, whether that is to look at economic development or recreational or whatever. Before then though, on August 14th, there will be a community meeting to prepare for the MDT visit, getting input from community organizations, groups, businesses, even the school district. Suhsen encouraged everyone to participate in the August 14th event.

Park Promotions: Frederick initiated a discussion about promoting our parks and what could we do to get more people aware of what we have and just people in the community but people from outside of the community as well. We discussed ideas such as passing out our brochure, maps, etc. at events like the block party which just happened. Suhsen suggested that this might be more important since the PAVC and 4R boards aren't doing a fair booth this year. Frederick also brought up the idea of having a drone shot video of the parks to post on the city web site. Posting those on Facebook and You Tube was brought up and Papesch suggested the videos could be shown at something like business expo on a TV or computer.

Trail Paving: Suhsen asked if there was anything happening with the paving of the trail south of the new water treatment plan. Both Frederick and Kohler thought something was happening but had no idea how far anything had gone.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at Reibe Park (weather permitting).

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Papesch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary