

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on August 22, 2011, in Mark Park

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:36. 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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Vita made a motion to approve the June 27, 2011, minutes. Frederick seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Park - Mark Schneider Benches / Trees / Trail:

Gerold reported that the framing (forms) are in for the two Mark Schneider benches (one in Pioneer Park) and for the lights along the Mark Park trail. The trail work has been slow because of a decrease in man power with college kids leaving and a city employee injured.

He has not been able to get new trees yet for along the outfield fence on Solheim Field; he outlined a plan to plant bare root trees according to U studies that indicate bare root actually do better in fall.

Vandalism has been minimal and to some extent that is the result of the cameras.

Splash Park:

The toilets is an ongoing issue but with the splash park attendants more aware of the need to check more often it hasn't been as big of an issue. ARC replaced a part on the log dump twice and then after the second piece broke again they replaced it with a newly engineered piece.

The splash park has been busy during the hot weather. Gerold reported that next year's party reservation system will be thru the internet to reduce conflicts.

Riverside Park:

Flooded again. Campers are using the campground. There was one incident with a person trying to use the campground when it was blocked off due to flooding. The hosts continue to do a good job.

Rainbow Park:

There hasn't been time yet for the city employees to clean up all the trees and limbs that have come down.

Riebe Park - Disc Golf:

The course is getting use but with all the rain and flooding it has not been easy for people to use the course.

Riebe Park - Dog Park:

Gerold reported it has still been too wet to do the seeding and put up the fence. One area is especially slow in draining and drying out and Gerold is looking into addressing that directly.

Pioneer Park:

The park is still wet but getting used. The Mark Schneider bench will be along the river; as mentioned earlier the forms for the concrete are in place.

Riverview Park:

Other than being very wet there was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Budget and expenditures:

Broding presented a copy of the most recent quarterly budget and gave the members time to review it. There were not a lot of questions. Chapman took the task to inquire on one item, an \$800 transfer out.

Riebe Park Picnic Shelter & Restroom(s):

Vita raised the idea of a picnic shelter at Riebe Park and that perhaps some organization could do the construction. Suhsen pointed out that the idea of that and restrooms had been included in the initial plans drawn up by David Patten. Gerold mentioned that there would be water in the park for the dog park and for a drinking fountain but that sewer might not be practical and mentioned both renting portables or putting in a pit toilet. There was discussion about having either the picnic shelter or the bathrooms built as an Eagle Scout Project, as a high school project or by some organization. The park board could foot the bill for the materials and additional amenities would attract more people to the park.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Goetz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary