

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on September 22, 2014, at Rainbow Park

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:06. Members present were Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Jill Papesh, Chris Pruett, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Also attending was Bob Gerold.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CIP Requests: Gerold outlined some major CIP requests for the next few years:

- For 2015 he is requesting funding for shading for the Mark Park playground area. Colorful wind sails will help keep the playground equipment cooler. They will be taken down for winters. Expected lifespan will depend on the product selected but 15 to 17 years is expected. Erected on tall poles they will not be easily damaged by wind or vandalism.
- For 2016 he is looking at updating the playground equipment at Rainbow Park.
- For 2017 he is looking at updating the playground equipment at Civic Center Park; he expects that the park will be getting more use with the completion of the Civic Center remodeling project.

Reports by Staff

Mark Park: The playground equipment is going and may be completed this week. The rail slide has been moved and reinstalled, a feature the board had given priority to keeping. The installation of the new parts is taking a little longer and has been a little more difficult than anticipated. One piece in particular is giving them problems with the angles that it has to be installed at. A couple other pieces came in the wrong color; when things are completed those may be changed out if they don't look right. Pruett said that there has been positive feedback already on the new features.

Splash Park: Shut down and winterized. The final numbers have not been completed for attendance and costs but should be done by next month. Gerold has requested money to change out some of the features next year. Vita brought up how much feedback from the outdoor community night, a precursor to the Minnesota Design Team visit, indicated interest in having a swimming pool. We had discussion about the costs, the issues and problems with a pool. Many communities are taking out their pools. Whether we might get financial help from the surrounding communities for parks in general was discussed. Frederick and Gerold are looking into that.

Riverside Park: The hosts have left and moved into their home. The open host position will be advertised on the city web site. The park will be winterized soon.

Rainbow Park: Gerold is coordinating stump removal in the park with the contractors doing the safe routes to school side walks. The city crew can dig them out but any that can be ground out as part of the side walk project will save work. Broding asked if there will be a cross walk from the new side walk to Rainbow. Gerold didn't know what the county has planned but it may be part of the resurfacing of Rum River Drive next year; Broding offered to call the county engineer to check. Broding also raised the subject of restrooms at Rainbow. Gerold pointed out that the building on the grounds had restrooms but that they haven't been opened since before he started in Princeton. He surmised that was because of continual vandalism problems.

Reibe Park: Gerold is looking at getting money for vault toilets in the park although there is a possibility that if we receive a grant that Carie Fuhrman is submitting a request for, then it would fall under that request.

Pioneer Park: Nothing to report.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Gerold said the sign is on order. Nothing else to report.

Civic Center Park: Nothing to report beyond the CIP mentioned above.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project: Broding reported there were no new developments.

Drone Video: Gerold has been in communication with Joe Schwartz. They are putting together some plans for shooting video at different times of the year, and as much as possible, when the parks are in use. Frederick suggested staging activities if necessary and also that it would be good to capture Solheim Field in use in at night with the lights on. Vita asked about if there would be any need to get permission of anyone captured in the videos. Frederick said that as long as the video were from a distance and not face on it shouldn't be an issue.

MISCELLANEOUS

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said that the focus has been on the Minnesota Design Team visit. He also mentioned that recommendations from MDT would carry some weight when applying for grants since the projects would be recommended by professionals.

Dead Trees Northeast of the Roundabout: Papesh asked who had jurisdiction over the dead trees northeast of the roundabout. Gerold said it is state property; he also thought there was a group looking into the situation and possibly doing something about it.

Broding left at about 6:30 for other obligations.

Fairview Trails: Frederick brought up that Fairview had a ribbon cutting for the trail they recently completed around the perimeter of their grounds. In speaking with people there, Frederick said there was not only excitement for that trail but also for the fact it would connect into the trail from the water treatment plant to the depot. There are also workout stations along the new trail.

South Elementary Playground Equipment / Sport Fields: Frederick mentioned that they are waiting to see if the school district will be moving the playground equipment at South Elementary when the new school is completed. If it isn't moved the city might be able to get it for our own use. Frederick is involved with a group trying to determine how to replace the sport fields that will be lost when the new elementary school is built. A number of options are under consideration including more use of fields at Mark Park.

Mark Park Volleyball Courts: Papesh asked if there had been any resolution with the volleyball courts at Mark Park and the school using them. Frederick said that he had been in contact with the school Activities Director and it's in their court to get back to him (us) as to what they want to do

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be back at city hall on October 27th.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Pruettt made a motion to adjourn. Vita seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:51.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary