

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**Princeton Parks & Recreation Board**  
Held on November 28, 2011, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were: Bob Beattie, Blake Broding, Mary Chapman, Todd Frederick, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent was Cheryl Goetz. Also present were Bob Gerold, Dick Dobson and Carie Fuhrman.

**Minutes for October 24, 2011, Meeting**

Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 24th meeting. Chapman seconded the motion. Broding pointed out a typo under the Rainbow Park heading and Vita made a friendly amendment to her motion with respect to that change, second by Chapman. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mark:**

Gerold and Frederick reported that there was a recent incident of vandalism. The perpetrator has been identified and charged.

Katie Hunter has made arrangements for those who donated towards the Mark Park walking trail to gather for a publicity event in December.

**Splash Park, Riverside Park, Rainbow Park:**

Nothing to report.

**Riebe Park:**

Gerold reported that the bridges have been completed. Also, they have begun putting in the fence posts for the dog park and weather permitting, he hopes to get the fence up this year yet. Other than the fence, none of the other parts to the dog park will probably be in this year. Chapman mentioned she had a couple recent inquiries about the dog park. Gerold said that the city has designated the use of part of the park for the dog park and if someone wants to use it, that would be fine as long as they understand that at this point there is no containment structure.

Broding reported that he had gotten some feedback on how nice the disc course is.

**Pioneer Park / Riverview Park:** Nothing to report.

**Triangle Park:**

Suhsen passed a photo taken at Triangle Park and mentioned, as the photo showed, that the single grill in the park is quite far from the single picnic table and suggested that the grill either be moved closer to the picnic table or else removed and used elsewhere. The grill doesn't look to have been used much if at all. Gerold will have it moved closer to the picnic table and then it might get used.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park and Trail Plan Discussion:**

Fuhrman presented the idea of putting together a comprehensive park and trail plan. She presented a summary sheet that listed the benefits and purposes to such a plan. That was followed with a summary of documents and plans from which the plan can be started and shared copies of some of those with the board members. For the final part of her presentation she had a list of the components of a park and trail plan. Throughout the presentation, board members had questions and Dobson and Suhsen also supported the presentation with additional information they had from Princeton Area Visionary Committee (PAVC) and the Rum River Recreation and Resources (4R) Board.

The three main trail areas that the board discussed were

- Completing a trail from Highway 42 on the west side of town to the new water treatment plant, across Rum River Drive to the lighted intersection at Northland Drive.
- A sidewalk from the lighted intersection of Northland Drive and Rum River Drive on the east side of Rum River Drive heading north to create a contiguous sidewalk from that intersection all the way to downtown (on the east side of Rum River Drive).
- 5th Avenue from it's intersection with Rum River Drive just north of Highway 95 north to North Elementary and the Middle Schools. Note: Dobson had initiated this discussion by bringing up that the city has given consideration to closing the intersection of Rum River Drive and 5th avenue to control traffic on 5th.

Suhsen asked if specific parts of the plan could be acted upon soon enough to take advantage of grants that might be coming up for availability at the beginning of the year but it wasn't practical to push any of that along.

Vita made a motion to have Fuhrman continue to put together an overall comprehensive Park and Trail Plan. Chapman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

There will be no December meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Vita seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary