

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on November 23, 2015, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:00. Members present were Bob Beattie, Todd Frederick, Judy Ludwig, Jill Papesh, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent was Chris Pruett. Also in attendance were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

Minutes for October 26, 2015, Meeting

Papesh made a motion to approve the minutes for October 26th. Ludwig seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the sake of guests we attended to the following three items first:

Splash Park: LeeAnne Hartigan presented the board with Excel file print outs of the 2015 numbers for the splash park. There were 12 days that the park was closed due to weather. There were 8749 paid entries. Tuesday evenings were a bit of a hit and will be done again next year. Hartigan was pleased with her employees and said there were only a couple incidents, nothing of a real serious nature. There has been over 2000 hits on the splash park face book page. The board had very few questions and much praise for the job Hartigan has done again this year. A couple marketing / advertising ideas came up including putting events on the community board.

Comprehensive Park and Trail Plan: Jolene Foss was with us for this presentation. We reviewed the plan as started by Carrie Fuhrman and continued by Foss. There were a few changes and additions to the presentations for the individual parks such as adding in the 5 mile and 10 mile races held in Pioneer Park. There were a number of items in the planned list that were noted to be moved to the features list for each park as they have been completed. For example: Bike racks have been placed in a number of parks. Foss is going to add and update a number of the photos in the plan as well. She will have an updated copy of the plan for the park board to review at its January meeting.

Riverside Park Garbage Can Painting: Vickie Halin and several students reported as a follow up to last meeting. They presented a booklet of art sixteen ideas for the garbage cans in the park. They were missing their tiger art work though. A few suggestions were made and Suhsen suggested that they put together any further ideas and the tiger art work for the January meeting at which time the park board would make some selections, at least for a garbage can or two to get a better idea of how this would work.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park: Gerold reported that volunteers from Sherburne Soil and Water had been trimming trees in Mark Park.

Splash Park: There was a brief discussion about the fixtures in the park and changing out some. Gerold mentioned that there is money in next years budget to change out some fixtures.

Riverside Park: The city was approached by Bob Vandenburg about being the campground host. The board is in agreement that a good host significantly helps keep things in order and prevent problems. Vandenburg submitted a sort of resume. There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to have the city evaluate Bob Vandenburg and his wife Twyla as necessary for the position of campground hosts. Papesh seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Rainbow Park: Gerold reported that other than that they have been cutting a number of oaks there wasn't much to report. He also mentioned that he was able to make a trade with West Branch Construction to have them remove the stumps.

Reibe Park: Gerold reported that if things dry out enough, they would be removing more buck thorn in the park. They recently burned the pampas grass on the disc course. The park is getting used.

Pioneer Park: Nothing to report other than there seems to be serious plans to do the 5 mile and 10 mile races again next year.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Gerold is getting quotes for further brushing and spraying for buck thorn in the park. Opening up the park will make it more inviting to walkers and less inviting to 4 wheelers.

Civic Center Park: Gerold that as soon as there is enough frost in the ground there is plans to flood the skating rink. Papesch asked about the warming house. Gerold said that if there were particular situations, like if the school wanted to use the rink, they would open the warming house but otherwise not.

OLD BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said that 4R still hasn't met and he has little confidence that they will get together again. Part of the issue is that the board was supposed to be made up of elected officials and through time the elected officials have left and their alternates don't fit the criteria set by the original board.

PAVC continues fund raising, mostly Carol Ossell, and they have received maybe \$2000 in additional donations and pledges since the last meeting.

December Meeting: After a brief discussion of the need for a December meeting, Vita made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Papesch seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Beattie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary

Please Note, Next Meeting: The next meeting is January 25, 2016.