

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Princeton Parks & Recreation Board

Held on November 24, 2014, in the Chambers of City Hall

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:00. Members present were Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Jill Papesh, Chris Pruett, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Bob Beattie joined in a few minutes late. Also attending were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

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Vita 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

Dugouts at Mark Park JV Field: Nate House as head of the baseball association joined us to present his plans for updates to the JV baseball field dugouts at Mark Park. His plans include replacing the pea gravel floors with concrete, putting in wood benches to replace the present aluminum ones and adding shelves for helmets and bat boxes. He said there have been issues with the aluminum seating not being fixed so that they have been a safety and vandalism issue and that on one occasion the blocks the seats were resting on had been busted out and had to temporarily be replaced with plastic buckets. His projected costs for the project is \$4500 with much material and labor either donated or provided at reduced costs. Last year they helped provide temporary fences and dug outs for the softball fields. Zimmer has talked to the activities director at the school and said that the school is behind the project. House is working on securing funding with \$1000 to go to get a match from the school district. Vita made a motion to approve the improvements to the JV dugouts as outlined by House. Pruett seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

December Meeting: After a very brief discussion, Broding made a motion to cancel the December monthly meeting which would fall on December 22nd. Pruett seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park Shelter & Field Use Fee Schedule: We reviewed our fee schedule and those of some other communities as put together by city staff. In general the fees we have are in alignment with those of the other communities except Frederick asked if the \$5 per person per season fee might not be enough. The fields are getting a lot of use at times during the year and it requires special attention and additional costs to keep them in shape and healthy. Gerold pointed out that the school district is going to be losing three softball fields which will put even more pressure on the Mark Park fields. Papesh asked about selling signs for the main softball field to cover the expenses and / or getting corporate sponsorship for each field. There was a fair amount of discussion along those lines but the general feeling of the board was that it was a lot of work to sell and maintain signs and keep up with it on an annual basis. This was supported by Zimmer and Beattie from personal experience. Suhsen added that his experience thru PAVC and 4R boards were that most businesses were tapped out in the community. Suhsen made a motion to increase the per user fee from \$5 per person per season to \$6 per person per season. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Gerold pointed out that the Softball field use does not indicate that the fee is per team per season and that it should be clarified. Otherwise some think that it could be per event or per game. Suhsen made a motion to change the fee wording to \$150 per season per team. Papesh seconded the motion. Pruett asked who does the scheduling; Gerold answered that city hall handles that. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Splash Park Entrance Fees: No change.

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Riverside Park Camping Fees: There was discussion about the limited facilities (no showers) but given that, our fees are lower, overall it is comparable and competitive with what state campgrounds cost. We briefly discussed the host situation. Gerold said that Ritenours might be able to help out and that they also might help with the rental and maintenance of the civic center after its completion.

Rainbow Park: Nothing to report.

Reibe Park: Gerold said that the park is getting used and within two days after the big snow storm, he was getting calls asking when the parking lot there was going to get plowed out.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported that staff had significantly opened up the trails so that they are quite wide now.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Nothing to report.

Civic Center Park: Nothing to report. Gerold was asked if there was going to be a skating rink and he replied that there will be.

MISCELLANEOUS

PAVC & 4R board updates: Suhsen said that there was nothing new to report.

Trees by Roundabout: Papesch if something was getting done with the dead spruce trees on the North East side of the roundabout. Gerold thought someone was trying to work with the state on that.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be January 26, 2015.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Pruettt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary