Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on April 22, 2019, at City Hall

Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members present were Blake Broding, Jill Papesh, Jacquilien Strandberg and Travis Koenen. Absent were Carla Vita, Bob Peters and Dan Voce. Also attending was Bob Gerold, Juls Zimmer and Stephanie Hillesheim.

Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2019, Meeting
Broding motioned, seconded by Koenen. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS
Hillesheim presented an update on the Outdoor Recreation Grant. She went over the map of Riebe and Riverside Parks showing where the improvements and enhancements will take place. A few items pointed out were an ADA Pedestrian Path, ADA Accessible Fishing Pier, ADA Vault Toilet, Campsites, Picnic Areas and Pollinator Gardens. She has been in contact with Prairie Restoration regarding the proper plants for the garden. There will be signage throughout the trail, at the garden and within the park describing natural habitat/foliage to educate visitors. All these amenities will help towards the approval of the grant as well as a future Regional Park designation. Also discussed was the fishing pier. If the grant is approved, the funds would be awarded in September and the pier will have to be completed by November. When asking Gerold if this timeline is attainable, he stated it was as the blueprints have already been completed. Hillesheim also stated that there are some events scheduled for the park this summer. The park will be used for the Festival weekend, there will also be a Kids concert in the Park on July 6th and an adult concert held August 3rd. There are plans for canoe events during these times as well and she is looking for a canoe outfitter.

REPORTS BY STAFF
Mark Park: Gerold reported that the park was used Saturday for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt put on by the radio station. Water will be turned on this week for the ballparks and concessions stands. Gerold updated the fencing on the ball field that we’d like to replace is scheduled for July.

Splash Park: Gerold reported they are still searching for a manager for this season. There have been 2 applications received. This year both Bob and Tim Jenson are due for AFO renewal training. It is scheduled for May.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that a party from Florida inquired about the Camp Host for this season. The revitalizing of the camp sites was started but then the flooding occurred and temporarily put that on hold. There will be some grading that needs to take place and extra base is needed. This will take approx. 4 weeks to complete. Koenen inquired about the repair work to the restrooms. Gerold reported that a temporary fix was done until the area dries out and the plumber could get in to make the repairs.

Rainbow Park: Hillesheim reported that the Timberwolves Grant was applied for but have not heard back yet. An email was sent by a resident to the city regarding the need for fencing between Rum River Drive and the playground. This was discussed in great lengths when the playground was put in. Research was done about accidents along that stretch of roadway and there hadn’t been any in more than 25 years. It was decided that adding a fence would take away from the esthetics and the visibility of the park. It would also be a hazard with the site line of snowmobilers in the winter. After the original discussion, it was decided that a bench would be placed at the far end of the playground area so parents could watch their children.

Reibe Park: See above report by Hillesheim.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported that there may be some park usage with the canoe events happening this summer.

Riverview Terrace Park Reserve: Gerold and Broding reported it’s wet and the ducks are enjoying it.
Civic Center Park: Gerold reported that the Pickleball court will be painted in the next few weeks if the weather cooperates. A discussion was had regarding the handling of the supplies (net, paddles & balls). Keeping them at City hall didn’t seem like the best solution as it isn’t located close by and they are not open weekends. It was discussed that we have a locked storage bin at Civic Center Park. Hillesheim is looking into a way that you can go to the city website and get a one-time code to unlock the bin. More to come as research into this is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 20, 2019 at Civic Center Park.  This is a week earlier than normal due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Meeting ended at 6:46.

Respectfully submitted – Jill Papesh