Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board  
Held on June 24, 2019, at Riverside Park

Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members present were Blake Broding, Jill Papesh, Jacqulien Strandberg, Bob Peters, Dan Voce, and Travis Koenen. Also attending was Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer. Not in attendance was Carla Vita.

**Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2019, Meeting**  
Voce motioned, seconded by Strandberg. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Nothing new was brought up at this time

**REPORTS BY STAFF**

**Mark Park:** Gerold reported that the park is being used and maintained.

**Splash Park:** Gerold reported that the Splash Park is getting used. The weather hasn't been cooperative, so attendance has been down.

**Riverside Park:** Gerold reported that our grant was accepted in the amount of $220,000. We will need to have matching funds however, in kind and in house work can cover some of that burden. There was a lengthy discussion about the grant, timeline and list of projects to complete. Voce will speak to the Lions to see if there is interest in putting up a shelter in Riebe Park which was one of the items in the plan. Gerold reported that there was a complaint regarding the water temperature in the restroom facility. He had staff check on the water heater and it was working fine. He did turn it up. Gerold also reported that there was a complaint of a foul smell. He checked it out and found the smell to be the fertilizer that was used. There was discussion regarding the campsite. The pads are made of crushed granite and the loop around the campsite will be asphalt. Gerold has been in contact with Mille Lacs County and MNDOT for excess asphalt. There seems to be a shortage with oil prices on the increase. Update was given by Gerold on the camp host. The interested party from Florida was unable to accept the offer due to helping a family member going through a medical hardship. The other candidate was contacted and declined. Stated they had taken another job.

**Rainbow Park:** Gerold reported the Princeton Police Dept has been notified there have been fires being started. Asked for additional patrol.

**Reibe Park:** See grant discussion above in Riverside Park reporting.

**Pioneer Park:** Gerold reported the foot traffic has been down. Treatment for mosquitoes is ongoing. Also reported that they are working on the ramp into the park to be ADA compliant.

**Riverview Terrace Park Reserve:** Gerold reported that mosquito treatment is ongoing and Broding reported the path is open.

**Civic Center Park:** Gerold reporting additional damage to the warning house. This is over and above the puck damage that was discussed at the May meeting. He will have his staff work on the repairs. An update on the pickleball court was given. The court has been painted but there is no equipment yet. Still looking into how we will secure the equipment and to make it available to citizens to use.
OLD BUSINESS
Gerold updated the work on the softball field at Mark Park is scheduled for August.

MISCELLANEOUS
Zimmer addressed the board members regarding the important role the board plays. He thanked everyone for their time and dedication to the board. With the acceptance of the grant, the work has just begun. Papesh also thanked the board and stated this grant is a big deal for us. It will be a lot of work but what a legacy it will be for this board. This will help to get a Regional Park designation in the future and will allow for Princeton and our Parks to be widely recognized. This board should be very proud of what is has and will continue to accomplish.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be July 22, 2019 at Rainbow Park.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Voce made a motion to adjourn with a second by Peters. Meeting ended at 6:99.

Respectfully submitted – Jill Papesh