Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on May 23, 2016, in the Chambers of City Hall

Blake Broding called the meeting to order at 6:07. Members present were Blake Broding, Jill Papesh, Bob Beattie and Chris Pruett. Absent were Todd Frederick Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Also attending was Bob Gerold.

Minutes for April 25, 2016, Meeting
Pruett 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
No new business

REPORTS BY STAFF
Mark Park: Park is being well used. Pruett asked about having additional parking lines put down over the old tennis court slab area. During busy events, attendees make an additional row of parking and would be nice to have the lines painted. Gerold said that can be done. There was additional discussion regarding overflow parking. The school buses are taking up several parking spots. Discussed making the “overflow parking” signs more visible so the buses would park there rather than in the main parking lot. Pruett stated the South Elementary Playground Day was well attended with over 78 children utilizing the park.

Splash Park: Gerold said that the splash park employees had their training this past weekend and the planned opening is set for Memorial Weekend. Fixtures are to be installed this week. The Mega Dump is scheduled to coincide with the Rum River Festival June 13, 2016. Gerold is speaking with Leann Hartigan this week regarding marketing for the Mega Dump buckets debut.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that at the June Council meeting, there will be discussion regarding the purchase of the building, at the entrance to the park, which is currently a tattoo business. The building is owned by Mark and Donna Walsh. The plan would be to house the Chamber of Commerce office on the main street level and remodel the basement to add public bathrooms and showers for the campground. Pruett asked about possible canoe rental. Gerold stated that there is room for that for the future.

Rainbow Park: Gerold reported on the progress of prepping the park for the playground equipment. There are stakes placed where some of the existing South Elementary equipment will be placed. Pruett asked, for the safety of the kids, if we could place benches along the road side of the site. It would act as a barrier to keep the kids from running out to the busy Rum River Drive. Gerold reported that shouldn’t be a problem. Also discussed whether a fence would be needed. Gerold also reported that the parking area now is tear drop shaped. He is looking into squaring that off and tarring the parking area.

Reibe Park: Gerold reported that the park was sprayed for weeds two weeks ago.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported the park has been sprayed for buckthorn and prickly ash. Since going in last fall to cut back the buckthorn, it has made a big difference.

Riverview Park: Gerold reported that this too has been sprayed for buckthorn and he was also able to add mosquito control pods in a few areas.
Civic Center Park: Gerold reported that there will be a few of the existing South Elementary playground pieces that will be set up. Since it is in next year’s budget to add equipment to the park, we may no longer need to use the funds and can reallocate them to another project.

OLD BUSINESS
Gerold reported that Carol Ossell emailed him again regarding the painting of the garbage cans. Ossell provided 2 examples from Amanda Newman to show her talent. There was discussion if Ms. Newman was charging for this service as her talents far exceed what we had been provided by previous groups. Board members were in agreement that this is a good project and would enhance the parks appearance. Gerold stated he just received the email prior to coming to the meeting and would have to contact Ossell to get more information.
Broding brought up Survey Monkey and the QR scan. Reminder to board members get a few questions together to bring to the June meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS
PAVC: No report with the absence of Suhsen

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be June 27, 2016.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Pruett made a motion to adjourn. Beattie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted – Jill Papesh