Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on July 25, 2016, in Riverside Park.

Chairperson Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:03. Members present were Blake Broding, Todd Frederick, Jill Papesh, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Absent were Bob Beattie and Chris Pruett. Also in attendance were Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer.

Minutes for June 27, 2016, Meeting
Vita made a motion to approve the minutes for June 27th, 2016. Papesh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Park: Gerold reported that the new cameras are up and have already caught two people in the act of doing graffiti. The police department is pursuing charges. There was a question about having a camera at the park entrance and Gerold said that it wouldn't be practical to run from the system we have but that a separate set of cameras for the entrance and Solheim Field in the future was a possibility. Zimmer mentioned the painting of the outside of the outfield fence on the baseball field has been nearly completed. Vita mentioned that there was a lot of activity in the park related to Pokemon Go; there was some further discussion about the activity and related hazards of the game.

Papesh mentioned that she had gotten a request to enlarge the concrete pad for the basketball court to improve the play. It is a potential future project to address the issue; for now Gerold recommended that Civic Center park had a better court already.

Splash Park: Gerold reported that everything is going well. LeeAnne Hartigan is going to have a booth at the block party. She was asked to pay for the booth but Gerold worked out that they wouldn't have to pay in exchange for use of a generator and other city equipment. Gerold added that Landscape Structures, which purchased ARC, the company that originally designed and made the splash park fixtures is going to come to Princeton and changed out some of the fixtures and take photos of the new pieces for a new brochure of theirs. Gerold is working on getting a donation of some of the new equipment as at that point it will be 'used'. Several of the board members commented on the huge success the Mega Bucket has been.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that the recent flooding at the park had swept away a couple of the garbage cans. Before the flooding the city crew had cut brush around the park that opened up sight lines. Now the park is getting back into shape as it dries out and is getting mowed again. There was concern during the flooding that the bacteria issues discussed at the last meeting would have been exasperated by the flooding.

Rainbow Park: The main structure of the little tyke play equipment has been erected and the rest will be filled in as the crew has time. There were a couple complaints about the location and height of the structure but mostly the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Papesh mentioned that the older kids' structure gets hot at times and asked if there was money in the budget to install some cool toppers like we did at Mark Park. Gerold said that there is some money left in the budget yet but he wants to use that for redoing the surface of the basketball court and paving the parking spaces. We discussed putting in trees instead, maybe even moving some from Riverview Park. This will be a future project. Broding mentioned there had been some graffiti in the park and commended Gerold for how quickly it had been taken care of.
Rainbow Park (continued): Broding also mentioned that the Lions have expressed interest in doing a picnic shelter at Rainbow. There was a question of whether the Lions were set on doing it in Rainbow or if they would do one in Riebe instead. The discussion lead to the idea that Rainbow needs a picnic shelter as well. Broding is going to check into more on board questions regarding if there would be a concreted pad and electricity as parts of the project. Also the board determined a need for more picnic tables for there and perhaps to replace some that had been moved from Riverside to Rainbow.

Reibe Park: The park is getting used now that the flood waters have receded. The fence for the dog park should be back up by tomorrow. There were some trees down that have been cleaned up.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported that the buck thorn and prickly ash control efforts has been working. Nothing else to report.

Riverview Terrace Nature Park: Nothing to report.

Civic Center Park: Gerold said the park is getting used. Papesh said that the Tiger Club kids may be going there after being at the middle school.

OLD BUSINESS

Pamphlet into welcome packet: Frederick brought up that the welcome kit distributed by PUC had been updated and Suhsen suggested that the parks pamphlet be added to it as well. City staff updated the piece and then printed out copies for distribution.

QR Codes For Parks: Frederick brought up that Richfield has QR codes for each park for making donations and they also have community groups that each adopt one of their parks.

MISCELLANEOUS

PAVC update: Suhsen said PAVC has received a couple small donations but that summer is a difficult time for fund raising. Nothing else to report.

Tattoo Parlor Building: Gerold reported that present renter of the building was not able to purchase the structure and is going to move to another location in town. There have been talks with the business owner to quash some miscommunication that the city was trying to force the business owner out so that the city could purchase the property. That said, with the business moving to a new location, the city will have the chance to purchase the building with the first priority to move the Riverside Park restroom facilities to the lower level of that building. In the future, the city would like to have an outfitter in the building for renting canoes and kayaks.

Next Meeting Location: Our next meeting will be at Solheim Field.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Vita made a motion to adjourn. Suhsen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:47.

Respectfully submitted - Scott Suhsen / Secretary

Next Meeting: Next meeting is August 22, 2016 at Solheim Field.