Minutes of Regular Meeting
Princeton Parks & Recreation Board
Held on August 22, 2016, at Solheim Field

Todd Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:01. Members present were Blake Broding, Jill Papesh, Absent were Chris Pruett, Scott Suhsen and Carla Vita. Also attending was Bob Gerold and Juls Zimmer. There was no quorum.

Minutes for July 25, 2016, Meeting
Minutes will need to be approved at the September meeting due to lack of quorum.

Open Dialog: Zimmer gave a quick history of Solheim Field. It was opened in 1970-1971, it costs approximately $20,000 a year to operate. Solheim is a joint venture with the City Parks, Legion and the School Dist. There are 33 sign spaces for advertisements with 25 filled at $100 per year. The baseball/softball association has taken on the concession stand and a portion of their profits return to the field. Zimmer also stated that the cost to replace a light bulb in the light standards is $400. There was also discussion about not meeting for three months during the winter. Due to there not being a quorum, it will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
No new business

REPORTS BY STAFF
Mark Park: Frederick reported that collecting the baseball/softball field fees was a difficult task this year for staff. There will be a new finance officer for the association and are hopeful future fee collection will be better. We may need to write up new procedures on when and how to collect if our existing structure doesn't improve with their new finance officer.

Splash Park: Gerold reported that ARC will be adding the two new water features after the Splash Park closes on Thursday (8/25/16) night to prepare for the photo shoot Friday (8/26/16) morning. They did not want to leave the two features up once complete. Gerold has asked that they leave them up until the season ends on Labor Day. That will give community time to enjoy them and the Board to decide if we want Gerold to negotiate a deal with ARC to purchase the used features. Mary Jo to email board members to be sure to take time to go to the park and check out the water features. Gerold will still have time to get into next year’s budget if we would like to purchase them. Vandalism was discussed. Police feel they have the two individuals responsible. One is out of state right now and the other, the mother is willing to help with the matter. Gerold reported that the park is very active and busy.

Riverside Park: Gerold reported that Tuesday (8/23/16) he would be meeting with a contractor and plumber at the building currently owned by the Walsh’s and rented out as a tattoo shop. They will put their findings together to report to the council to help the Council decide on whether to purchase the building. Gerold reported that our new Camp hosts are Wayne and Tammy Juaire. They are from Aitkin, MN however their daughter and grandchildren are in Princeton and they can spend their summers closer to them.

Rainbow Park: Gerold reported the Little Tyke equipment is complete. He also reported there has been no further dialogue with the neighbor that expressed her concerns over the height of the Little Tyke equipment. He also reported that there has been some vandalism to the fire truck climber. Someone spray painted the side of it. He is getting that cleaned up this week. Adding additional lighting at the park was brought up. Frederick commented that when the police
drive by they can’t see if there are individuals in the darker areas but when they turn back around, the headlights will catch the reflection. Gerold is looking into the possibility of adding additional lighting without disturbing the neighbors. Gerold also reported that he has budgeted for picnic tables for next year. This led to discussion by Broding about the Lions Club adding a pavilion. There was conversation about having a structure surrounding a fire pit. This would not go over the existing fire pit but would be a new structure. Broding will bring up at the next Lions Club meeting for their thoughts.

Reibe Park: Gerold reported that the park is being sprayed for mosquitoes.

Pioneer Park: Gerold reported they are maintaining the park. Papesh reported that the PrinceTen Miler is scheduled for October 15th. This will be the second annual run.

Riverview Terrace Park Reserve: Broding reported that all the adjoining neighbors to the Reserve have all recently mowed and it looks nice. He also stated that with all the rain we’ve had recently, it is very wet.

Civic Center Park: Gerold reported that the park is being used daily by the Tiger Club kids.

OLD BUSINESS

Final topic of discussion was 5 year request to the council for CIP. Items that were brought up were:
Frederick asked if we could add back some of the fitness training apparatus in Pioneer Park. Gerold stated some of it is still there but he will look into what needs to be repaired or possibly added. He didn’t think there would be much cost involved as it was mostly made out of wood and metal pipes.
Frederick suggested paving the overflow parking at Mark Park and possibly closing off the existing entrance, for the safety of those walking from Solheim Field/Concession Stand to the JV Field, and having the entrance/exit on the road north of the JV Field.
Shade umbrellas/Cool Toppers for the parks was also brought up.

MISCELLANEOUS
PAVC: No report with the absence of Suhsen

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 26, 2016.

Adjournment There being no further discussion, Meeting ended at 7:02.

Respectfully submitted – Jill Papesh