

MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jill Papesh	Chair	Present
Carla Vita	Vice-Chair	Present
Christina Dearman	Secretary	Present
Elisabeth Burd	Board Member	Absent
Aaron Gruber	Board Member	Present
Travis Koenen	Board Member	Present
Robert Peters	Board Member	Present
Bob Gerold	Staff	Absent
Jenny Gerold	Council Member Liaison	Absent

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of the September 28, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Carla Vita, second by Travis Koenen to approve the September 28, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

4. Reports by Staff:

4.1. Mark Park

4.1.1. Staff is working with others for hard surfacing around the concession stand

4.2. Splash Park

4.2.1. Staff is winterizing and doing maintenance

Minimal winterizing to do still. New door was purchased for the concession stand and was painted 9.25. Will install this week.

4.2.2. Widening entrance gate near concession stand to make handicap accessible and putting hard surface down for accessibility.

The door is at the shop but needs to be installed.

4.2.3. Splash Park Season Sales: Entry fees, parties and free day donations = \$29,583.27 Concession stand sales = \$4,930.00

Vita brought up that the Board needs to discuss Splash Park fees during the October parks meeting, which is the last one of the year. Stephanie needs to attend so we can have a park wrap-up and discuss fee changes to sponsored “free” days.

4.3. Riverside Park

4.3.1. Camp host has moved out, no issues. We will winterize next month.

Group discussed issues with bathrooms caused by guests this season.

4.4. Rainbow Park

4.4.1. Removed diseased pine trees

4.5. Riebe Park

Camping has slowed down for the season.

4.6. Pioneer Park

4.6.1. Crews are working to repair streambank

Evergreens were taken from the airport that were close to being too tall per FAA and are used for the streambank repair. The streambank is an ongoing project which requires yearly attention.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

4.8. Civic Center Park

4.8.1. Working on CIP to resurface basketball courts

4.9. Veteran's Park

5. Old Business:

Papesh told the group that she requested B Gerold to research for permanent “corn hole” setup in the parks. Three Rivers regional has plastic ones that they attach to the ground. This is a popular game and a fairly inexpensive amenity. Some of our parks currently have horseshoe pits that are not really used.

6. Miscellaneous:

Papesh stated that at the next meeting we would like to discuss adding a sign to the wheelchair swing at Mark Park to more clearly show what it is for to help avoid future damage to the swing.

7. Adjourn

Park Board chose City Hall for their next regular meeting.

Motion by Carla Vita second by Aaron Gruber to adjourn at 6:28 PM.