

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS  
 AND IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

Gruber, Travis Koenen, Jill Papesh, Robert Peters, Jacquilien Strandberg, and Carla Vita.

Others: Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Chairman Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:60 PM.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Jill Papesh	Chair	Present
Blake Broding	Vice-Chair	Present
Carla Vita	Secretary	Present
Aaron Gruber	Board Member	Present
Travis Koenen	Board Member	Present
Robert Peters	Board Member	Present
Jacquilien Strandberg	Board Member	Present
Bob Gerold	Staff	Present
Jules Zimmer	City Council Liaison	Present

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 22nd, 2020

The following were requested to be modified in the June 22, 2020 minutes. 6) 1 - Change Grand Trail to Great Northern Trail.

Conversation on what was literally said and intent from the previous meeting. Zimmer wanted minutes noted that Staff does have an idea to where funding for grants will come from. Not

100% certain. He wanted it known that Staff and the Council will figure out where funds will come from if a grant is received. Papesh stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board wants to know that funds exist before recommending approval of a grant as that is the Board's responsibility. Vita, indicated that when she writes minutes she writes what is said, not intent as she cannot assume intent.

Motion by Broding, second by Strandberg to approve with the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. New Business:

#### a) Discussion on plowing trails

Gerold informed that the City maintains sidewalks adjacent to City Property and other locations as stated by City Ordinance. The Mayor has requested Park Board's advice on maintaining paved trails. Vita questioned if the City owns the equipment to plow.

Gerold stated that the equipment to plow is owned by the City and informed the plowing priority schedule. Discussion on insurance, salt on trails, vandalism and paved trails within parks. Continued discussion on what other cities do to plow trails. Conversion on kids using trails to get to school.

Via consensus the Park Board is recommending to plow the trails, furthermore, that we will re-consider in a year. Peters wanted it known that he is against the plowing due to his concern of people falling.

#### b) Logo - Tab B

Gerold informed that the City is re-branding. Broding informed that he has been marketing for over 30 years and that the current logo is good and people identify the logo to Princeton, which is the purpose. Broding informed that consistency is important. He recommended not changing the logo at all, but if change is chosen, options #1 or #6.

Papesh stated that she does not agree on the logo process as the citizens were not given input. Koenen informed that he was not aware of the new logo process. Papesh stated that re-branding is expensive, that we are in the middle of a pandemic and the funding is needed for other areas of the City, including parks. She stated she prefers the current logo, but if it determined to change, option #1. Papesh stated that Princeton has been known for decades to be the "City of Flowers" not "On the River's Edge". Broding thanked Zimmer for asking the Park Board.

Gruber has rebranded and been a part of re-branding numerous times. He stated that who gets to have input, process, why, etc are all important. Gruber is also not impressed with the options. Difficult to read "Princeton" in the logos. Cattails are busy. Logos and taglines need to be memorable, neither are memorable. Papesh stated her concern that other logo companies were not consulted. Gerold informed that the Community Development Director and Chamber chose the company to create the logo. Peters stated she does not prefer any of the options.

Via consensus the Park Board is recommending to not change the logo or to come up with a better option. The name of the City needs to “pop”.

4. Reports by Staff

A. Mark Park

Gerold informed that the park is doing well. Zimmer informed that the fence at Solheim is being painted.

B. Splash Park

Closed - no report.

C. Riverside Park

1) Update on project

Gerold informed that the Board has a memo from Hilleshiem regarding the Riverside-Riebe Park Update. Papesh stated that she called Hilleshiem and Papesh was informed that bids came higher than expected. Looking at donations. Papesh stated that Hilleshiem informed her that park project completion is expected in July 2021. Vita inquired to the Pollinator garden. Gerold informed that it will be contracted. Hilleshiem informed Papesh that 2 benches were donated.

D. Rainbow Park

No updates.

E. Riebe Park

1) Picnic shelter update

Gerold informed that the Lion's are putting in the picnic shelter.

F. Pioneer Park

Gerold informed that his team is cutting buckthorn.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold informed that his team is working on buckthorne and prickly ash. Mosquitoes have been low.

H. Civic Center Park

1) Multi-generational exercise equipment grant update

Papesh informed that the City did not receive the AARP grant. Hilleshiem will be investigating to why.

5. Old Business:

None

6. Miscellaneous:

Next month's meeting will take place at Rainbow Park.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Koenen second by Gruber to adjourn at 7:11pm. Motion carried unanimously.