

NOTES
OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Chair Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jill Papesh	Chair	Present
Andrea Gerrard	Vice-Chair	Absent
Carla Vita	Secretary	Present
Aaron Gruber	Board Member	Absent
Travis Koenen	Board Member	Present
Robert Peters	Board Member	Absent
Bob Gerold	Staff	Present
Jules Zimmer	Council Member Liaison	Present

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 25, 2022 and meeting discussion notes from August 22, 2022

Zimmer informed as to a recommended correction to the July 25, 2022 minutes. Under Old business, last paragraph it shall state:

Zimmer stated that the financial plan for the Great Northern Trail, for Sherburne and Mille Lacs County portions were paid by Sherburne County; the portion that Princeton owed Princeton paid. The trail is planned to extend from Onamia to Elk River. Easements for the trail was discussed. The original paragraph to be stricken.

Motion by Koenen, second by Gruber to approve the July 25, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Koenen, second by Gruber to approve the August 22, 2022 discussion notes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

None

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park - Rental Fees

Gerold informed that Mark Park is being winterized.

Gerold presented on Rental Fees. He informed that MaryLou is researching other communities. Papesh will obtain the City of Zimmerman's fees. Discussion on current Princeton fees will take place at the October Park Board meeting when we have the information from Zimmerman and MaryLou's research.

4.2. Splash Park - Rental Fees

Gerold informed that City Staff is working on a recommendation to present to the Park Board regarding fees. Various Park Board members discussed the significantly reduced rates for non-profits and businesses to sponsor a free day at the Splash Park. Discussion that this amount needs to be evaluated.

Papesh learned that an individual had posted on Facebook on a reservation of the Splash Park situation. Gerold educated on the facts not stated on the facebook post.

Gerold informed that he is working on winterizing the Splash Park. He has placed funds in the CIP to fix some of the broken fixtures - due to technological advances, fixing may now be a potential option.

4.3 Riverside Park - Rental Fees

Gerold made a recommendation to the Park Board regarding the campground. Due to some situations that staff is trying to correct, Staff is recommending that the fee schedule state that camping is allowed for 10 days per campsite, per camp unit. Gerold stated that our campground cost is less than average for the cost to stay and many do not have a camp host like Princeton's does. The Park Board is to have more conversation on this request at their October 2022 meeting.

4.4. Rainbow Park

Gerold stated that trees have been planted. Crystal Cabinet staff planted the trees. He submitted images of the tree planting to the newspaper. Trees were planted throughout the park for future shade but also to allow people to see from one side to the other without obstruction.

4.5. Riebe Park

Gerold learned that the campground is open for another 2 weeks. Gerold stated that staff is working on informational signage at the park. Installation goal for this fall. Gerold stated that additional trail work is occurring.

4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold informed that his team is working on streambed stabilization.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold stated that the park is quiet, with no concerns. He stated that the tree tapper is coming back in the fall.

4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold stated that the CIP has a pickleball court (summer) and ice rink (winter) included. Gruber stated that he has witnessed significant demand for pickleball courts.

4.9. Veterans Park

Gerold informed that the park has no concerns to be addressed at this time.

5. Old Business:

Gerold stated that the Park Dedication fees are approximately \$148,000. He stated that he anticipates that the pickleball court will be \$50,000 which would reduce the amount in the fund.

6. Miscellaneous:

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita second by Gruber to adjourn at 6:32pm.

The next meeting is planned for City Hall.