

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, OCTOBER 26, 2020

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Chairman Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Others present: Dan Erickson

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2020

Motion by Broding, second by Gerold to approve without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

1) Donation of dog bag station for parks

Dan Erickson provided information on his request to donate pet waste stations to the Park Board. He informed the Board that many cities have these stations that promote people cleaning up after their pets. He continued that a top pollutant for many cities is animal waste. Conversation covered the importance of cleaning up dog waste, locations of the stations along trails and in parks, if the stations would promote people running their pets

in ball fields which is not allowed, and the importance of keeping parks clean of dog feces. Erickson informed that he is willing to donate more if the need exists. He also informed that the dispenser bags should last a year.

Koenen stated that the signs on the dispensers will remind people to leash their dogs and clean after them. He continued on that trash locations for the waste is important as many people will not carry the waste for blocks until they find a trash enclosure. He stated a variety of locations in the city where the stations would be helpful.

Motion by Broding, second by Koenen to recommend to the City Council acceptance of the stations. Furthermore, the full Park Board wants it known of their sincerest appreciation of the donation and support of the Princeton Park System by Mr. Erickson.

#### 4. Reports by Staff

##### A. Mark Park

Gerold informed that the Park is winterized.

##### B. Splash Park

Gerold is stated that in his inspection no issues exist.

##### C. Riverside Park

Gerold informed that the dock has been brought in from the river. New footings will be completed. All other Riverside Park projects are complete for the year.

Gerold informed that Hillesheim is fundraising for the Christmas Lighting.

##### D. Rainbow Park

Gerold stated that the park has seen some graffiti vandalism.

##### E. Riebe Park

Gerold stated that the vaulted toilet has been installed. The crane company donated half of their time. A fire-ring has been donated by Glenn Metalcraft. The seating will be the stones from the former Princeton Visionary Committee.

Vita requested thank yous to all the donations. Zimmer informed that he would bring the thank-yous to the City Council for recognition. Discussion that April might be a good time when a majority of the work in the park is complete.

##### F. Pioneer Park

Gerold informed that Public Works is working on river bank stabilization. He described how the Public Works team is performing this work.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold is working with a contractor regarding wild animal complaints.

H. Civic Center Park

Gerold is working to having new playground equipment in the park for 2021.

5. Old Business:

None.

6. Miscellaneous:

Next meeting is January 2021 to be held at City Hall

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita second by Peters to adjourn at 6:42pm. Motion carried unanimously.