

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

1. Call to Order

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

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

Others present: None

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 28, 2022

Motion by Gruber, second by Koenen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6- 0.

3. New Business:

None.

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park

Gerold informed the Board that the opening of the park is going smoothly.

Gerold stated that the School District Activities Director, PYSBA and City staff have been discussing upgrades to the softball fields. He anticipates an ask for upgrades for the 2023 budgeting process.

Koenen inquired when the cement will be poured for the bleachers. Gerold indicated that it is planned for mid-summer.

4.1.1. Solheim Scoreboard Complete

Gerold stated that the scoreboard is up and the project is complete.

Papesh and Peters attended the sign deduction. They educated the Board that the event went well.

4.2. Splash Park

Gerold stated that the Splash Park is opening this upcoming weekend.

4.2.1. Early Childhood Event - BOGO

Gerold indicated that Brooks gave BOGO Splash Park coupons at the Early Childhood event.

4.2.2. 4 Attendants Hired, Staff Orientation To Take Place on 5/31

Gerold announced that staffing is ready for the season.

Gerold informed that the main valve feeding the tank was broken, but it has been fixed.

4.3 Riverside Park

Gerold provided updates with the recent flooding in the park. Some erosion has taken place. Some vandalism has occurred on the bathrooms, but it has been handled.

Gerold announced that the camphost is moving into the park for the season. He also stated that the boat landing needs repairs which will occur once the river water levels drop.

4.3.1. Update on Agreement with School for Canoe Program

Gerold informed that the School District signed the agreements to allow people to cross their property for kayaking. The agreement states that this cannot occur during school hours.

4.4. Rainbow Park

Gerold stated that the park has seen a lot of activity. Papesh informed that a large tree limb is in the middle of the park as damage from the storms.

4.5. Riebe Park

Gerold educated that the park is flooded. The Public Works department is working to get the dog park open.

4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold informed that the river bank has erosion. He also stated that he is working on mosquito control.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

4.7.1. Update on Tree Tapper

Gerold stated that the tapper has moved his tapping equipment out. The tapper is planning to come back next year.

4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold informed that the park is very busy.

4.9. Veterans Park

Gerold stated that the park is being cleaned up and he has replaced the flag with a new one.

5. Old Business:

None.

6. Miscellaneous:

Papesh questioned the river embankment behind the library and if it could be cleaned up from litter and other debris. Gerold stated that the property is difficult to clean, but he is exploring ideas.

Next meeting is to be at Reibe Park.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Gerrard second by Gruber to adjourn at 6:17pm.