

MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of the February 20, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Ashley Pettipiece, second by Aaron Gruber to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

Pat Briggs request for a reduction of the park dedication fees for the 1st Street apartments.

In August of 2023, the Parks Board reviewed the park dedication fees and made a motion to make the total fees for 62 units \$111,600 based on lot one. (Originally, lot one was 58 units). \$153,000 for 85 units in lot two.

Phase three lot one is now at 66 units (an addition of 4 units) phase four lot two has increased to 100 units.

The group discussed this proposal, highlighting several items, J Gerold pulled the plans to review the claim that there are playgrounds included in the plans. Nothing was found. C Vita proposed that if staff wanted to consider it, we go back to the August 2023 numbers as long as there is a stipulation that the included playground meets defined parameters.

Playgrounds were discussed by the group, touching topics such as usage impacts on surrounding parks, the type of playground that would be necessary to service the children arriving at the new building. The group compared and contrasted various new developments in Zimmerman noting they had playgrounds. The group discussed the impacts of the project being delayed or canceled.

Motion by Aaron Gruber, second by Carla Vita to request the city council would respond to Mr. Briggs in negotiation going back to the August of 2023 numbers for parks dedication fees 264,600 for Phases three and four of the development. Motion carried unanimously.

The group continued discussions around the inter-related nature of development and developers.

4. Reports by Staff:

4.1. Mark Park

B. Gerold updated the group stating that he met with the Solheim group helping to fund the paving project. This meeting was to make sure stakeholders were aligned. Some maintenance has been done on the sprinkler system.

4.2. Splash Park

Parts came in to change valves with some minor mechanical issues. Stacy is working on getting staffing in place and this is going well. Chair inquired about interns and B Gerold didn't know a status

4.3. Riverside Park

First occupant was sighted this week but since the park was not open they were asked to leave. Chair asked about flooding B Gerold stated that looking at the drought condition and snowfall this year the flooding should be minimal. The camp host Angela is set to start soon.

4.4 Rainbow Park

4.3.1. Getting quotes on resurfacing basketball courts

Getting quotes to send to council trying for the best deal possible.

4.4. Riebe Park

4.4.1. Progress report on the disc golf course

Baskets will be sold and there is some interest in this equipment already. Should be sold quickly. We were given some T-Pad material from the Mille Lacs County Fair Board, which are recycled cow mats, but there was not enough material for 12 T-Boxes. With the savings from doing the majority of the work in-house, we can afford to order mats. We will use the recycled mats for the shorter beginner T-s.

4.4.2. Disc Golf signs

The group discussed signage. The group liked sign number two from the packet but wished to add the highlighting on the hole number from sign three.

4.5. Pioneer Park

Work to do maintenance and cleanup

4.6. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Vacated an individual's belongings from the park. The tree tapper will not be returning this year due to illness.

4.7. Civic Center Park

Demand for Pickleball is very high, and community members are excited.

4.7.1. Pickleball nets are up. Benches to be installed.

B Gerold shared some progress photos on the benches. The group expressed their excitement to see them installed.

4.8. Veteran's Park

No update.

5. Old Business:

6. Miscellaneous:

C Vita enquired about a Re-grand opening of Riebe Park once the disc golf course is done. B Gerold hopes the disc golf area will be complete within the next month. J Gerold will speak with Chamber.

7. Adjourn

Park Board chose Civic Center Park for their next regular meeting. **Motion by Carla Vita second by Aaron Gruber to adjourn at 7:02 PM.**