

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, JULY 26, 2021

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Chair Jill Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Others present: None

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 28, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Strandberg, second by Broding. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 26, 2021

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Peters, second by Strandberg. Motion carried 4-0-1 Vita abstaining due to her lack of attendance at the meeting.

3. New Business:

Papesh inquired to a Facebook posting on a technical issue at the splash park. Hillesheim informed on the issue. Hillesheim stated that the 15 year olds working at the splash park are doing a great job.

4. Reports by Staff

1. Mark Park

Zimmer informed that the fundraising for the scoreboard is going well. Zimmer showed an image of the proposed sign. The fundraising is for \$35,000 to \$40,000 and he has approximately \$5000 donated at this time. His goal is to have the full amount by the end of September 2021. The planned location of the sign is the left field due to better visibility of those attending the ball games.

2. Splash Park

Hillesheim stated that the Splash park is going well and people appear to appreciate the ability to use credit cards. Hillesheim stated that some complaints on adults having to pay have been stated to City Hall. Papesh stated that some neighboring cities do not charge for Splash Park usage. Hillesheim informed that Princeton's fixtures are bigger and many people appreciate that the park is staffed and enclosed. Papesh stated that we need to discuss fixing the broken equipment. Vita informed that park dedication funds cannot be used to fix equipment or replace equipment, just new equipment per State Statute.

Hillesheim informed that the Park Board might want to consider two rates - City resident and City non-resident as she found in her research with other cities. Papesh informed that the splash park has many free days.

Park Board wants to discuss a two rate system at their August Park Board meeting.

3. Riverside Park

Hillesheim informed that the sign is coming up and that the crushed rock will stay. Papesh stated that the paving is completed. Hillesheim stated that the grant is complete. Appreciation from the Park Board on the work City Staff completed on the grant.

Broding inquired on the campground and the online reservations. Hillesheim informed us that the online system is going well. She continued that the camp hosts are great, but have left. She is working on a new camp host.

4. Rainbow Park

Vita stated that the new trees look great and she has received numerous compliments she wanted to pass onto the Board and City Staff. Hillesheim stated that National Night Out will occur on August 3 at Rainbow Park

5. Riebe Park

Hillesheim informed that the picnic shelter is being completed.

6. Pioneer Park

Hillesheim announced that next month's Fit Challenge will be at this park

7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

No update.

8. Civic Center Park

Papesh said that the fence for the playground installation is up. Hillesheim stated that the playground should be completed in 30 days.

9. Veteran's Park

Broding stated that he signed the appropriate documentation for the Eagle Scout project.

5. Old Business:

5.1. Land Use Park Dedication Fee

Hillesheim gave her recommendation on new park dedication fees. Broding said that he is in agreement with the fees as presented by Hillesheim. Vita stated a definitive number for staff is better than what is current. It really is beneficial for developers and business owners that are putting together pro-formas. Significant conversation on what is best for the citizens and community. Conversation that this matter needs to be reviewed annually or even semi-annually. Hillesheim informed that fees are updated in January yearly. Papesh informed that the Park Board needs to review the Park fees every October.

Motion by Broding, seconded by Vita to recommend the following to the City Council for the Park Dedication fees:

- a) Residential units: \$1800/per unit

Or

10% of land area (between 3 acres and 10 acres) + \$1,500 per residential unit; reviewed by staff and recommended by the Park Board.

- b) Commercial and industrial: \$1800 base (up to one acre) plus \$1,000 per additional acre

6. Miscellaneous:

Hillesheim inquired to start work on the Park Plan. The Park Board stated immediately, August 2021.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita, seconded by Strandberg to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.