

**NOTES**  
 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS  
 IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board was unable to meet as a quorum was lacking. These are notes of the conversation

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
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

Unable to make a motion due to a lack of quorum. Need to take action at the September 2022 meeting.

3. New Business:

3.1 AARP Grant Update

Gerold educated that grant is for a 3 wheeled E-assist bike, not the park equipment that was originally sought. Question on storage; at this time this is not known.

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park

Koenen stated that the cement pad between the softball fields was installed.

4.1.1. Camera Update

Gerold informed that he is working on cameras.

#### 4.2. Splash Park

##### 4.2.1. Totals From The Season

Papesh informed that the sponsorship cost was decreased to \$300 for businesses, \$250 for non-profits. Gerold educated that the amount was determined by Hillesheim. The Splash Park closes on Labor Day

#### 4.3 Riverside Park

Gerold informed that the park lacks a camp-host. Campsites are planned to happen again next year.

#### 4.4. Rainbow Park

Gerold stated that he is working on cameras. Papesh informed that a tree limb is down. Gerold educated that complaints on a lack of a restroom have been received. The porta-potties were removed due to vandalism.

#### 4.5. Riebe Park

Vita stated that a community member inquired to replacing the tee boxes at the disc golf course. Gerold stated that installing new tee boxes is very labor intensive and concrete is expensive. He is working on a plan which might include crushed granite versus concrete.

##### 4.5.1. Trail Maintenance

Gerold stated that maintenance is being worked on due to flooding.

#### 4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold reminded the Board that the track meet will occur at the park soon.

#### 4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

No updates.

#### 4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold is still waiting for quotes on a pickleball court.

#### 4.9. Veterans Park

Gerold discussed the Boy Scout project at the park. The fountain was not removed as originally presented, but changed to a bird bath. Conversation that the Boy Scout changed the project midway without Board approval.

Vita indicated that at night the flag does not look lit. Gerold will see if adjusting the light was improve the lighting.

5. Old Business:

Gerold inquired to anything that the Park Board would be interested in seeing in the budget for the City Council to consider. Koenen stated shade for park equipment. Vita stated she would be interested in trees along the street from M Health to McDonalds that were removed for the trail project. Koenen stated more dog trash bag/trash bins. Gerold informed that approximately 10 exist in Princeton.

Papesh inquired about a skatepark that she has received numerous requests to have within the Princeton Park system. Gerold informed that skateboard parks have liabilities and thus have not been pursued. Papesh inquired about a Mountain Bike Park. Gerold stated that with any new element the demographics of the community needs to be evaluated to ensure it meets the needs anticipated by the community.

Vita inquired if sidewalks and trails during street reconstruction is within the purview of the Park Board. Gerold stated that trails are within the Park Board, sidewalks are within the engineering standards of streets.

Zimmer stated that the financial plan for the Great Northern Trail was paid for by Sherburne County. The trail is planned to extend from Onamia to Elk River. Easements for the trail was discussed.

6. Miscellaneous:

None.

7. Adjourn

Due to a lack of a quorum, not adjournment occurred.