

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, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 6:02 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	Present
Stephanie Hillesheim	Staff	Present
Jules Zimmer	Council Member Liaison	Present

Others present: Rick and Anne Schwartz

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021

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

3. New Business:

3.1 Rick Schwartz property discussion

Rick and Anne Schwartz, 12235 - 323rd Avenue, Princeton, MN, property owners. Location generally south and east of Coborns desire to work with a developer on a housing development of their property. The property is currently surrounded by the City.

For development to occur they would need to be annexed. They anticipate development to be single family homes and townhomes. The property is wooded on the south end. The size is approximately 12 to 14 acres. They are inquiring if the Park Board would be interested in the undeveloped property being a park or wooded passive park. Their vision of a park in the location is similar to Young Park. Significant conversation on a variety of activities from archery range to trails, to just open land. River bounce and wetlands were discussed. Papech commented on the growth of the city in that general area.

Schwartz is currently working with Landform as a possible developer.

Gerold educated the Park Board on the anticipated extensions of water and sewer in the area. Park Dedication fees are a recommendation to the City Council and the City Council makes the final decision.

Papech and the Park Board thanked the Schwartz for meeting with the Park Board and indicated the need to reflect and discuss as this is a new item to the Board.

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park

Zimmer provided an update on the scoreboard project for Solheim field. The scoreboard is ordered and he has secured the funds. 7 sponsors and many other donors. Pylons will be installed in October and he is hoping for electrical in November and the scoreboard to be erected by the first ball game in 2022. The Park Board expressed their appreciation on the update and delight on the generosity of those donating to the cause.

4.2. Splash Park

Gerold stated that the Splash Park is almost winterized. Hillesheim stated that she will provide a report to the park board next month. She is also requesting an Intern for 2022 to assist with the Splash Park.

4.3. Riverside Park

Gerold informed that the park is doing well. Some damage has occurred and his team has fixed and maintained as needed. The camp host is doing well and the campground has been kept open longer with the good weather. Broding commented that he has never seen the campground so full.

4.3.1 Light Up Princeton

Hillesheim educated that the large inflatable tiger has arrived. A contest will occur to name the tiger. She is working on donations for the event. She received 4 applications for the grants. They will announced soon

4.4. Rainbow Park

The Park Board met at Rainbow Park and commented on how nice the park has evolved over the years. The new trees look great and it is a great park.

4.5. Riebe Park

Gerold informed that the picnic shelter floor has been installed. Fire pit is installed. Hillesheim stated that the interpretive signs are not installed due to delays with the pandemic. She informed that all the grant requirements have been met.

4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold stated that he continues to work on buckthorn and prickly ash removal.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

No update.

4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold stated that the park is used.

4.9. Veteran's Park

Broding informed that the Boy Scout working on the project is working on approvals.

5. Old Business:

None

6. Miscellaneous:

6.1 Park and Trails Plan update.

Hillesheim stated that the plan will be completed. Staff has paused due to the franchise fee having 3 years left and Staff is visiting its effect on the parks. She plans to bring more information to the Park Board in October.

Other: Peters inquired about the parks for the new apartment buildings. Hillesheim stated that they provided money and trails.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Broding, seconded by Peters to adjourn at 6:57pm. Motion carried unanimously.