

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, MARCH 28, 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 however no quorum was present.

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	Absent
Bob Gerold	Staff	Present
Heather Brooks	Staff	Present
Jules Zimmer	Council Member Liaison	Absent

Others present: None

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

Motion by Koenen, second by Gerrard to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5- 0.

3. New Business:

None.

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park

Gerold is working with the School District Athletic Director to purchase and install the fence shields for the softball fields. Gerold is also working with the school district on the

scoreboard that require repairs. The repairs would ensure that the scoreboard is more user friendly and easier to read.

Gerold informed that the National Honor Society is looking for projects. He is recommending that they pick up litter in the park to ensure it is clean for the Easter Egg hunt.

4.1.1. Moving in bleachers to softball field #1

Gerold is moving school district bleachers to field #1 after the school district pours a concrete pad.. The Superintendent and Finance Director desire more seating for softball events. Papesh inquired about the cost to the City on this matter. Gerold informed that the only cost is labor.

4.2. Splash Park

Brooks is interviewing interns to run the splash park in the summer. Her goal is to have someone hired and ready in May in time for them to hire additional staff for the splash park.

Brooks stated that the Chamber Career Expo on April 6, will have information on the Splash Park openings for summer 2022.

4.3 Riverside Park

Gerold educated that all of the remaining Christmas lights from Light Up Princeton have been removed.

Gerold informed that the park campground has a camp host and the host will also manage the canoe and kayak program.

4.3.1. Five weekends scheduled for canoe scheduled

Brooks indicated that she is working with the canoe and kayak outfitter. They will be offering canoes and kayaks 5 weekends this year to increase ridership. The weekends are Memorial Day weekend, June 10, July 1-3, August 5 and Labor Day. She is also working on an additional weekend in July. The kayaking and canoeing will occur rain or shine.

Gerold is working on a launch area around the middle school. It would have “gravel and a walkway” aka a walkway for the people paddling, to access the river. Paddlers would end at Riverside Park where the access to/from the river is nicer. Gerold is working with the school district to finalize the project. Gerold is

hoping this will allow the school district to expand their recreational or physical education opportunities.

Papesh inquired about tubing. Brooks stated that she is hopeful.

4.3.1.1 Band scheduled for Rum River Festival / Ice Cream Truck / Beer Garden

Brooks stated that a band, The Decades, is planned to perform at the park on June 10 during the Rum River festival. They are also working on an ice cream truck and beer garden.

4.4. Rainbow Park

Gerold is working on trimming trees.

4.5. Riebe Park

Gerold informed that the usage of the dog park is very high

4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold is waiting on the groomer.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold stated that the tree tapping is going well. The neighbors are keeping a watchful eye on the tapping equipment.

4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold informed that the ice skating park is closed.

4.9. Veterans Park

Papesh informed that she saw on Facebook the fundraising for the Boy Scout proposed project.

5. Old Business:

5.1. Park Dedication Funds Allowable Uses

Vita informed as presented.

6. Miscellaneous:

April 25, 2022 meeting will continue to be held at City Hall.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita, second by Gerrard to adjourn at 6:31pm.