

NOTES
 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
 IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
 REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

1. Call to Order

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session and Chair Papesh called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jill Papesh	Chair	Present
Andrea Gerrard	Vice-Chair	Absent
Carla Vita	Secretary	Present
Aaron Gruber	Board Member	Present
Travis Koenen	Board Member	Absent
Robert Peters	Board Member	Present
Bob Gerold	Staff	Present
Jules Zimmer	Council Member Liaison	Present

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of the September 26, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Vita, second by Gruber to approve the September 26, 2022 minutes as presented.
 Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business:

3.1 Discuss reduction of the Park Board from seven to five

Gerold stated that this topic emerged from the lack of a quorum that has occurred recently. Gerold informed that 2 seats on the Park Board are up this year, including Vita's. Papesch stated that years ago the Park Board had 5 people, it was increased to 7 when the Park Board had numerous applications to sit on the Board.

Vita made a motion to reduce the number from 7 to 5. Noting the impact is on her seat only as the other seat is vacant. No second on the motion.

Papesch motioned the matter until January to see the number of applications on the Board. Gruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

3.1.1. Fountain Place Park Dedication Fees

Vita stated that she lives near the development and stated that she has a conflict of interest. Gerold stated that she does not and should provide input on the matter. Gerold informed that the land was not previously developed as it was the cross-runway for the airport. The developer would like to dedicate a portion of the land for a reduction in park dedication fees. The land is near the fountain. Papesch stated that Mark Park is very close to this location. Gruber stated the property is very small and unusable for park or city purposes. Gerold stated that staff is investigating if any previous fees were paid on the property. Papesch provided her input that the city does not need the land or the long term maintenance. Gerold informed that the trail and benches will stay with the development.

Motion by Papesch, second by Gruber not to accept outlot A for the proposed Fountain Place Park development in lieu of park dedication fees; the developer shall pay full park dedication fees for the development. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Reports by Staff

4.1. Mark Park

Gerold informed that the park is shut down for the year, he is working with the Legion on restrooms.

4.2. Splash Park

Gerold met with a contractor to obtain a quote to fix the 2 broken elements. He is still waiting.

4.3 Riverside Park

Gerold's staff is cleaning up the park and shutting down the restrooms. His department is also preparing for the Light Up Princeton event.

4.4. Rainbow Park

Gerold stated that he is working on watering the new trees.

4.5. Riebe Park

Gruber is working with his church's volunteers on the luminary event on December 21. Crystal Cabinets is also assisting.

4.6. Pioneer Park

Gerold informed that the streambanks are being stabilized.

4.7. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold stated that they are cutting buckthorn and prickly ash.

4.8. Civic Center Park

Gerold educated that the park is getting ready for the ice rink.

4.9. Veterans Park

Gerold informed that the Scout project is complete.

5. Old Business:

5.1. Park fee schedule discussion - schedule attached

Discussion on fees occurred. Papesch handed out the fee schedule from Zimmerman. Conversation on the fees for the Civic Center. It is well used and the fees are used to cover the cost to clean the facility. It was stated how very nice our Civic Center is - decorated, tables, chairs, landscaping, etc. No comments on modifying

Vita asked for staff recommendations regarding the camping fees. Gerold stated that his recommendations include limiting camping to 10 days, but before the host. A camper could come back after 3 days, should spots be available. This would prevent people taking locations for an extended period and not allowing other campers to enjoy our parks. Gerold stated that Princeton camping locations lack Wi-Fi.

Papesch stated that Reibe Park needs to have camping added to the schedule.

Motion by Gruber, second by Peters to recommend to the City Council to add Reibe Park camping to the fee schedule and to limit the camping in Princeton Parks from 10 days, after 3 days the camper can come back if spots are available. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous:

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita second by Gruber to adjourn at 6:45pm.

No meetings are scheduled for November or December.