

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON IN THE COUNTY OF MILLE LACS  
 AND IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 6:00 PM.

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

Others present: None

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021

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

Request by Park Board to have the November 2020 minutes on the next agenda for approval.

3. New Business:

A. Chamber Challenge/Ranger Challenge

Hillesheim informed that the Princeton Chamber and Sherburne County United Way is promoting Princeton Parks and Healthy Lifestyles. The Challenge will occur on April 1.

Prizes are supplied by the United Way. If all monthly goals are met during the challenge, a prize is given. People will be asked to take selfies at specific park locations and post. Hillesheim requested a volunteer from the Park Board to attend the monthly meetings to advise. Gruber volunteered.

#### 4. Reports by Staff

##### A. Mark Park

Gerold informed that Sherburne County volunteer tree trimmers will be at the park sometime between late March to early April. Zimmer requested that the tree behind the Solheim sign be trimmed or made to make the sign more visible. Gerold to inspect.

##### B. Splash Park

Gerold stated that he has a costly repair for a piece of equipment. In reviewing his budgets and determining where to find funds to fix the equipment, he was considering purchasing the park shades in 2022. The rationale being that with the ongoing regulations during the pandemic, the status of the park and people attending unknown. Last year he did not purchase the umbrellas as the splash park was closed due to the pandemic. Consensus of the park board to delay for another year. Zimmer stated that he would ask the City Council to put the umbrellas in the 2022 budget as a priority. Gerold will continue to explore other funding options.

##### C. Riverside Park

###### 1) Presentation of check from Bernick's in March

Hillesheim stated that she is trying to coordinate the presentation of a check from Bernick's to the Park Board in March. Goal #1 - During the Park Board meeting. Goal #2 - During the evening because many Park Board members have day jobs.

Hillesheim is working on the 2021 Light Up Princeton event. She is looking for volunteers.

##### D. Rainbow Park

Gerold is removing trees.

##### E. Riebe Park

Hillesheim is working on signs.

##### F. Pioneer Park

Gerold continues to groom trails.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

Gerold continued coyote issues.

H. Civic Center Park

Hillesheim and Gerold are working on an AARP grant. Hillesheim stated that it will be used for equipment of people 50 years and older. As a part of the grant, she will ensure an education component to show said people how to use the equipment. Gerold is exploring youth equipment for the park.

5. Old Business:

A. Fee Schedule Discussion

Gruber inquired if the goal is to provide a number to the City Council. Hillesheim stated that a number, not a formula, is easier. She believes that the City's fees are within range. Vita stated that, in her opinion, relying on a value can be difficult in regards to what value is chosen? An appraisal? The county value? Do you obtain multiple opinions due to the varying responses? Vita continued that a flat fee treats all projects equally and that is important for Staff, the Park Board and community. Gruber informed that Zimmerman charges \$2500 per unit. Zimmerman stated that he believes Staff should research and provide a proposed number to the park board. Papesh stated that we need to compare and provide a recommendation to the City Council. Hillesheim stated that she is also trying to research when the fees were last changed.

Vita motioned, seconded by Koenen to have staff provide the Park Board a recommendation regarding a flat fee. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous:

Gruber requested that Staff update the Park brochure on the City website.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Vita second by Koenen to adjourn at 6:44pm. Motion carried unanimously.