

PRINCETON RECREATION BOARD

October 23, 2014

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on October 23, 2014 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Dr. Nosker, Dr. Frawley, Ms. Asagra Stanley, Ms. Butler, Mr. Young, Ms. Germaine, Mr. Groeger, Mr. Marrolli, & Mr. Moorhead

Absent: Dr. Cahill, Mr. Koontz, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Ms. Rogers, & Mr. Stentz

Activities

Mr. Groeger reported on the following activities:

- Mr. Marrolli and Mr. Groeger are working on the scheduling of both the Dillon Basketball and PAWS/Tiger Cubs programs.
- Mr. Marrolli and Mr. Groeger attended the National Recreation Parks Association (NRPA) conference in Charlotte, NC from October 13 - 17 and were able to attend information sessions, network with recreation professionals and meet with new vendors for future projects. *Discussion was held.*

Mr. Marrolli reported on the following activities:

- On 10/10/14, the special needs dance was held at Community Park School. 53 participants attended the dance. The next dance will be held on 11/14/14.
- The Men's 40 and over softball league wrapped up on 10/1/14.
- Mr. Marrolli attended the IT steering committee meeting on 10/20/14.
- Travel Basketball tryouts began on 10/19/14 and will wrap up on 10/29/14. *Discussion was held.*

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Men's platform tennis is set to begin on 10/29/14 with 15 teams between the Tuesday and Thursday Leagues.
- There have been no scheduling conflicts between PFC and Princeton Special Sports at Farmview. Mr. Moorhead thanked Dr. Frawley for his assistance in working towards a scheduling solution.
- Fall baseball and youth football will wrap up in the next few weeks. Soccer will wrap up on or about 11/20/14.
- Mr. Moorhead attended the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) training on 10/8/14. *Discussion was held.*

Directors Report

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- The new fall/winter activities brochure was introduced to the Board. Mr. Moorhead commended Mr. Marrolli for his work on the brochure.
- Mary Moss Park update: Mercer County Freeholders will meet on 11/13/14 in Princeton, and our proposal will be on the agenda.
- Minimum wage will rise to \$8.38 on 1/1/15, and may continue to rise in subsequent years. The question was brought up about whether to just raise the PRD minimum for

2015 or to get ahead of the curve and start the part-time staff at a higher rate. Item to be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

- The Youth Sports think-tank meeting that was scheduled for early October was postponed due to a Princeton School District scheduling conflict. The meeting has been rescheduled for 11/6/14. Mr. Stentz and Mr. Moorhead will attend.
- Improvements to basketball courts at Grover Park and Harrison Street Park were completed earlier this month. The courts were refinished and all cracks were repaired. The improvements have a two-year warranty. *Discussion was held.*
- The project to improve the CP pool grass including aeration, sodding and slit seeding has been very successful. Pictures of the grass were distributed.
- Princeton Public Schools has recently billed PRD for gym usage that had not been charged to PRD in the past. Examples include weeknight usage and summer camp usage. Mr. Stentz met with Gary Weisman to discuss the new charges, but no resolution was reached. Mr. Stentz has a meeting set with Princeton Superintendent Steve Cochrane to discuss a resolution.
- Mr. Stentz has requested the addition of two new full-time Maintenance Staff members, as well as a desire to promote an existing Maintenance Staff member to the title of Assistant Foreman. Mr. Stentz is waiting for a response from Administration. *Discussion was held.*
- Pool winterization is nearly complete, minus the shutoff of the water lines being used for irrigation of the lawn. *Discussion was held.*
- Park maintenance update: Playing fields are being aerated, cut, and seeded around sports schedules. The Witherspoon Building parking lot islands are currently being renovated with new plantings being installed. Park bathrooms are being winterized. *Discussion was held.*
- Recreation & Parks Ordinance Update: In regard to which organization will have oversight of Open Space areas, Ms. Butler commented that day-to-day oversight of the open space areas won't be the responsibility of PRD, but that a new task force regarding open space is in the works and Recreation Staff will be included. Princeton Council meets on 10/27/14 and the ordinance is on the agenda. *Discussion was held.*

Communications

No Communications

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Germaine made a motion to approve the September 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley and approved. Dr. Frawley abstained.

Old Business

- A. Mr. Moorhead addressed the topic of how to deal with the English Oak tree at CP pool. Email correspondence between PRD staff and the Recreation Board revealed it is more cost effective to remove the tree all together, rather than try to cut back branches on a tree that seems to be dying. Dr. Nosker presented his findings that this type of oak tree is not very sought after and gives little to no shade for patrons. *Discussion was held.*

Dr. Nosker made a motion to remove the English Oak tree, seconded by Mr. Frawley and unanimously approved.

New Business

- A. Mr. Moorhead presented his findings to the Board on concussion trainings for youth sport coaches. Looking into different trainings for coaches and volunteers, Mr. Moorhead found several free online trainings including the CDC and The National Federation of State High School Associations. *Discussion was held. Item Tabled.*

Approval of Bills

- A. Ms. Germaine made a motion to approve the September 2014 bills, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting Date

November 20, 2014

Adjournment