

PRINCETON RECREATION BOARD

October 24, 2013

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on October 24, 2013 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Ms. Germaine, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Asagra Stanley, Dr. Nosker, Dr. Frawley, & Dr. Cahill

Also present: Mr. Marroli, Mr. Moorhead, & Ms. Herlihy

Absent: Mr. Zucosky &, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Ms. Butler, Mr. Koontz & Mr. Stentz

Activities

Ms. Herlihy reported on the following activities:

- Princeton Area Master Swim (PAM) has 67 participants for their fall 2013 session, which is the largest group in recent memory. Ms. Herlihy commented that she remembers past years when it was a struggle to get 20 people registered. The fall, winter and spring sessions of PAM are held at DeNunzio Pool at Princeton University.

Mr. Marroli reported on the following activities:

- Special Needs dance was held on 10/11/13 at Community Park School. 41 participants and 26 volunteers were present. Mr. Marroli attended the event. The next dance is scheduled for 11/22/13.
- Registration for winter programs is ongoing. Programs include Dillon Basketball, Travel Basketball, PAWS Wrestling, Tiger Cubs Wrestling and Vacation Travel Camp. Dillon Basketball has already received 186 registrations. There will be a 4th grade evaluation night on 11/11/13 for new 4th graders boys and girls to the Dillon program.
- On the evening of 11/12/13, the Staff will host a coaches meeting at Dillon Gym for the 60-80 Princeton University students that have volunteered to coach this winter.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Travel Basketball tryouts began on Sunday 10/20/13 and there were four evening sessions during the week. There are four additional evening sessions during the week of Oct. 27. All tryouts are held at Princeton HS.
- Mr. Moorhead attended the NJ Recreation & Parks Association seminar titled 'Hot Legal Topics in Parks & Recreation' on 10/3/13 in Bridgewater.
- Mr. Moorhead & Mr. Marroli participated in the Princeton University Community & Staff Day on 10/12/13 from 10 am – 1 pm. Princeton Recreation had a booth at the event and handed out information about programs & events. Mr. Moorhead reported approximately 400 people from the community attended the event.

Directors Report

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- Winterization of CP Pool complex is ongoing. Project includes storage of equipment, landscaping improvements and blowing out existing water from all of the plumbing lines including pool lines, shower lines, toilet lines, sink lines and water fountain lines. Complete winterization of facility should be completed by November 1, 2013. Winter covers have been put in place on the pools.
- RFP (Request for Proposals) for the concession stand at CP Pool was made public on 10/15/13. This is first time that an RFP has been issued for the pool concession stand since 2011, as the previous vendor was renewed for 2012 and 2013 at the recommendation of the Staff and approval from the Recreation Board. Town Counsel advised Staff that three years was the maximum period of time to keep a particular vendor without issuing a new RFP. The deadline to submit proposals for 2013 is

- 11/15/13. Staff will review RFP's and bring a full recommendation to Recreation Board at November meeting.
- Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Stentz and Dr. Frawley met with representatives from Princeton Futbol Club (PFC) on 10/9/13 to continue discussions about field scheduling concerns, specifically scheduling for Sundays.
 - Feedback from PFC included a desire to inquire about use of the Princeton University (PU) fields on Washington Road, suggesting that the upcoming PILOT negotiations between Princeton Council and PU could be an opportunity to discuss use of the fields. The PFC representatives shared a general frustration with the lack of field space available for use, especially on Sundays. Mr. Stentz promised that he would discuss the possibility of inquiring about the Washington Road fields with Mayor Lempert in advance of upcoming PILOT negotiations.
 - Mr. Moorhead reports that both PFC and Princeton Special Sports (PSS) have expressed a willingness to come together next fall for discussions on how to better share the available space, most notably Farmview Fields.
 - Dr. Frawley thanked PFC for coming to the meeting with a goal of finding creative solutions and not simply to complain. Dr. Frawley commented that the Recreation Board should consider examining its own policies regarding how field space is allocated to recreational programs versus the expanding number of travel teams, noting that the nature of many travel programs is that while based in Princeton, they consist of many nonresidents. **Discussion was held.**
 - Related to the space and parking issues at Farmview Fields, Mr. Moorhead has been in discussions with the Princeton Engineering Department about options to make the Farmview Parking lot safer and/or make changes to the traffic flow within the lot to create a safer flow of vehicles. Mr. Moorhead attended the municipal Traffic & Transportation Subcommittee to review some of the concerns and possible changes that could be made to the parking lot at Farmview. **Discussion was held.**
 - In addition to the Mary Moss Park (MMP) sprayground and the feasibility/design study of Community Park South (CPS), Town Administration would like to add the improvements of the Valley Road gym to the Mercer County At-Play grant proposal. The improvements would be in partnership with Princeton Public Schools. Mr. Moorhead explained that it is the position of Mr. Stentz that the Valley Road portion of the project would only be funded after full funding is in place for the MMP project and the CPS project. **Discussion was held.**
 - Dates to remember:
 - Travel BBall parent meetings on the evening of 11/10/13
 - Dillon BBall evaluation night is 11/11/13
 - Proposals for CP Pool concession services are due by 11/15/13
 - Radio City Christmas Spectacular bus trip is 12/5/13 – SOLD OUT

Communications

- Letter from Tink Bolster to Staff Member Vikki Caines congratulating her for the feature article in the REC brochure that highlighted Ms. Caines.
- Thank you letter from Erin Metro from Princeton University thanking the REC Dept. for their participation at the Community & Staff Day.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve the September 2013 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley, and approved. Dr. Nosker and Dr. Frawley abstained.

New Business

NO NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Bills

Dr. Frawley made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Dr. Nosker and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting Date

November 21, 2013

Adjournment