

RECREATION BOARD

August 22, 2013

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on August 22, 2013 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Ms. Rogers, Mr. Zucosky, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Dr. Nosker, Ms. Butler, Dr. Frawley, Mr. Koontz & Ms. Asagra Stanley

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

Absent: Ms. Germaine & Dr. Cahill

Activities:

Ms. Herlihy reported on the following activities:

- All instructional aquatic programs ended on or before Saturday, August 17. There are only two programs on-going at the pool at this time, Youth Water Polo and Master Swim. The Water Polo program ends on August 29 and Master Swim continues outdoors until September 14, at which point it moves back inside to DeNunzio Pool.

Mr. Marroli reported on the following activities:

- Boys Summer Basketball League ended on July 31.
- Travel Camp and Day Camp ended on Friday, August 16. Travel Camp had a successful 3-day, 2-night trip to Boston from July 31 – August 2. Travel Camp took 36 trips over the course of 39 days.
- The 2nd week of Girls Basketball Camp was held at Princeton Charter School due to the fact that the gyms at JWMS and PHS were unavailable due to maintenance. 18 girls attended the camp.
- Men's 40 and over Softball playoffs start on Wednesday, August 28.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Men's Basketball Playoffs ended on July 31. The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the league took place on Friday, July 26. League awards and Hall of Fame inductions took place in between the two semifinal games. Attendance at the semifinal games and both games of the championship series was approximately 250-300 people per game.
- Due to the ongoing construction projects at the Public Schools, the Recreation Department will be providing additional municipal soccer fields for school usage on Monday-Friday, from 3-5 pm at the following parks this fall: Greenway, Smoyer and CP South. In recent years, the public schools have only used CP South. In addition, Princeton Charter School will use Hilltop Park for their soccer program. The Lewis School typically uses CP South, but may move to Farmview this season as a result of the public schools having multiple teams using that site this fall. Mr. Moorhead noted the additional wear and tear that this will add to the playing fields this fall. *Discussion was held.*
- Field scheduling on Sundays has become very difficult. Both soccer clubs (PFC & PSA) play their league games on that day. In addition, Princeton Junior Football (PJF), PG Lax and Princeton Special Sports have all requested field space on Sundays. PJF has also requested field space at the PHS turf starting in late September. If the turf project is completed by then and PJF moves from Smoyer to PHS, then the issue should be resolved. If the PHS turf is not available by late September, then in all likelihood one or more groups will need to get bumped from their preferred time/location. The school system has previously indicated that the turf project will be completed by mid-September. *Discussion was held.*

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- Mr. Stentz praised the hard work and long hours put in over the last several months by Ms. Herlihy, Mr. Marroli and Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Stentz noted that the three employees mentioned

work a tremendous amount of hours outside of their normal shift, including weekends, evenings and Holidays and furthermore, that Moorhead/Marrolli/Herlihy are considered 'exempt' employees by the municipality, which excludes them from earning overtime. *Discussion was held.*

- As of August 22, we are approximately \$12,000 shy of the 2012 daily admission total at CP Pool. Since the extended heat wave ended on July 20, there have been only 6 days above 85 degrees, which is a remarkable streak of mild weather for this time of year. *Discussion was held.*
- The front two platform tennis courts were resurfaced and repainted this past weekend. The cost was approximately \$5,500. The Board approved this funding at the beginning of the year as a capital project. The repairs were paid for by the Revolving Trust Reserve (Capital) Account. Mr. Stentz noted that this is another in a long list of capital improvements funded by the Revolving Trust and it's companion account, the Trust Reserve. Mr. Stentz noted that the Trust Account and it's Reserve continue to serve the important function of funding small to medium-size capital projects, which reduces the capital requests that Recreation has to make to the Governing Body.
- There are several items at CP Pool that need to be repaired this fall. The town is withholding payment to Hall Building Corp on these items until they are successfully completed. Repairs may be scheduled during the week of Sept. 3-6. If this occurs, it will not be possible for CP Pool to be open to the public during that time. *Discussion was held.*
- CP Pool repair items for this Fall:
 - Dive well liner partial tear of the horizontal seam on wall nearest the lifeguard stand. A temporary fix was provided by Myrtha rep, John Ireland in May. *Discussion was held.*
 - Bubble in the floor liner in the Dive Well. All issues relating to the pool liner are covered under the warranty with Myrtha.
 - Several concrete slabs that need to be refinished or replaced due to cracking. This is the responsibility of Hall Building Corp to fix.
 - Replacement of arborvitae on the front side of the pool that are dying. This is the responsibility of Hall Building Corp to fix. *Discussion was held.*
- CP Pool will be open for two additional weekends beyond Labor Day. The pool will be open from 12-6 pm on September 7 & 8 and 14 & 15.
- There have been recent magazine and trade publication articles discussing the overheating of playground equipment during the summer months. Mr. Stentz wanted the Board to be aware of this issue should it ever be brought to our attention by a resident. *Discussion was held.*
- The PRD maintenance staff core-aerated the playing fields last week. This saves the town approximately \$4,000 by doing it in-house instead of contracting out this work. The next step will be over-seeding later in the fall. Mr. Stentz praised the maintenance staff for continuing to find ways to save the town money. *Discussion was held.*
- There was an incident at CP Pool on August 10 in which a 19-year old Princeton resident was arrested for selling marijuana in the men's locker room. *Discussion was held.*
- The re-application process to the county is almost complete requesting that the grant money originally earmarked for a turf field, instead be designated for a spray ground at Mary Moss Park on John St. Mr. Stentz met with pool consultant, Ben Hanbicki, this week to have a preliminary discussion about building a spray ground. *Discussion was held.*
- The Kid's Aquathon takes place on Sunday, August 25. The biking portion has been eliminated from the event this year. Several local businesses and organizations have provided generous donations that will allow numerous Financial Aid candidates to participate in the event.
- Community Night Out took place from 5-8pm on Tuesday, August 6. Approximately 2,500 people attended the event.
- Family Golf took place on July 29 at Mercer Oaks. The event was extremely successful.
- Notable upcoming PRD events:
 - August 25th: Kid's 'Splash & Dash Aquathon'
 - September 10: Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic from 7-10pm
 - October 1: Release of Fall Brochure/Registration begins for Fall & Winter Programs.

Communications

- Princeton Housing Authority has given \$4,000 to subsidize nine families for summer programs & memberships. This relationship has been ongoing for five to six years, but the Housing Authority has indicated that they cannot commit to being able to continue this funding next year.
- Two 'thank you' notes to the Staff for their work on Community Night Out.
- Email from Councilwoman Heather Howard thanking Mr. Marroli and the Travel Camp staff for helping to make a teen feel welcome after she had a difficult experience on her first day of camp.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Frawley made the motion to approve the July 2013 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Nosker, and unanimously approved.

New Business

Mr. Stentz asked for volunteers to serve on a sub-committee for the Mary Moss Spray Ground Project. Ms. Rogers and Ms. Olivares-Weber volunteered. Mr. Stentz said that he would ask Ms. Germaine and/or Dr. Cahill to participate. *Discussion was held.*

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Bills

Mr. Koontz made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ms. Asagra-Stanley and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting Date

September 26, 2013

Adjournment