

RECREATION BOARD
September 26, 2013

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on September 26, 2013 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Ms. Germaine, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Ms. Butler, Mr. Koontz, & Ms. Asagra Stanley

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

Absent: Dr. Cahill, Dr. Frawley, Dr. Nosker, Mr. Zucosky & Mr. Marroli

Activities

Ms. Herlihy reported on the following activities:

- The first Special Needs dance of the season took place on 9/20/13. There were 31 participants and 35 high school volunteers. The next dance will be on 10/11/13.
- Men's 40 & Over Softball League ended on Wednesday, 9/25/13. In 2012 the playoffs did not begin until 10/10/12 and finished on 11/12/12.
- Princeton Environmental Commission had their monthly meeting on 9/18/13, which Ms. Herlihy attended.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Gym space has been secured for the Dillon Basketball program at Dillon Gym. Some dates are unavailable due to the P.U. athletics & intramural schedules. Practice space for the Dillon & Travel Basketball programs may be slightly reduced in the public school gymnasiums due to the elimination of the old gym at JW Middle School. Weeknight practices may have to start later each night, as late as 7:30 pm because of the domino effect of losing the old gym at JW, which has been converted into a media center. In past years, weeknight practice has started at 6:30 pm.
- Travel basketball tryouts will take place during the week of October 20 & 27 at Princeton HS.
- Field space/scheduling challenges are ongoing, especially at Farmview Fields (FV) on Sundays with Princeton Special Sports (PSS) and Princeton Football Club (PFC). PFC was notified in August that they would have to stay out of FV during the time period of 12-3:30pm when PSS is using FV, due to limited parking and the set up time needed by PSS. On Sept. 15 and again on Sept 22, PFC was at the Park during the time of 12-3:30pm. PFC has indicated that they will be looking to move to open field space in Montgomery for their Sunday programming. As both groups are concerned with the scheduling at FV, Dr. Frawley has been actively working with Mr. Moorhead in a liaison role to assist in finding creative solutions to the issue.
- Mr. Stentz added that Mr. Moorhead spends roughly 60% of his time scheduling fields and facilities and communicating with the many different sport groups. *Discussion was held.*

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- The Kids 'Splash n Dash' Aquathon was held on 8/25/13. Mr. Stentz praised Ms. Caines for doing a great job. Princeton University and several anonymous individuals donated registration fees for some of the participants who financially may not have been able to participate. PRD Staff reached out to families that received financial aid this summer and offered them free participation in this program.
- Rutgers Safety Clinic was held on 9/10/13. Thirty-seven volunteers were trained.
- Two additional weekends that CP Pool was open post-Labor Day did not break even due to very mild weather. (Spreadsheet was emailed to Board members). Attendance was low, as to be expected based on the weather, but the general feedback from the community is that the extra weekends are appreciated.
- 2013 CP Pool daily admission revenue was just two hundred dollars less than summer 2012. August 2013 was the first August since 1964 without a 90-degree day. Complete financial report for the pool will be given later in the year.

- Mainline Commercial Pools (MLCP) and Myrtha USA recently performed repair work to the floor liner of the main pool. Floor liner has been peeled back in some areas to remove debris, ranging in size from small sand particles to small pebbles to loose pieces of grout. Work was performed on Sept 19 & 20, 26 and 27 to address additional areas of concern. MLCP & Myrtha also removed a wrinkle from the diving well floor liner that was the result of ground water getting underneath.
- PRD maintenance has been working on pool shut-down/winterization for the past two weeks. Winterization work will continue for another 3-4 weeks. This process includes cleaning of pools, storing of equipment, flushing out all water lines from pools to filters, plugging water lines, landscaping, flushing out water lines for all showers/toilets/sinks and many other projects.
- Additional turf blankets will be purchased to cover certain areas of athletic fields over the winter. Recreation Board approved a \$3,000 line item to purchase turf blankets in November 2012 and approx. \$950 of that line item was unspent. It will be used to purchase additional blankets in an effort to protect our turf and promote good growth during the winter months.
- Minimum wage increase will be on the November ballot. The current minimum wage is \$7.25 and the ballot question is whether or not to raise it to \$8.25. If this wage increase passes it will require an adjustment of some program fees to cover additional salary expenses. Mr. Moorhead has done a preliminary analysis of how that will affect fees to cover program salaries.
- Ray and Kathy Van Arsdale (dba R & K's Poolside Grill) have completed their third consecutive year as the food vendor at CP Pool. Town Counsel has advised Staff that three years is the maximum length allowed for a contract such as this to run before Staff/Board is required to seek new proposals. The criteria for the selection of a food vendor includes rental fee, menu selection, food pricing, references, relevant experience and other factors. Mr. Moorhead is developing the new Request for Proposals (RFP) and plans to make it public by mid-October.
- Superintendent of Public Works, Don Hansen, has announced his retirement effective 10/1/13.
- Online registration for PRD fall/winter programs starts on October 1. The Fall/Winter brochure is currently on our website.

Communications

- \$4,000 from Princeton Housing Authority (HABOP) to assist nine families who participated in summer camps and became members of CP Pool.
- \$357 from Donn Cabral, a former Princeton University track athlete and US Olympian, for participating in a fundraising race against local elected officials in Belmar, NJ. The \$357.00 winnings were to be donated to the winner's hometown Park & Recreation Department.
- \$3300.10 from Johnson park School Koko Fund to assist 20 families that attended PRD day camp.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the August 2013 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley, and approved. Ms. Germaine abstained.

New Business

Fall / Winter Program Fees

The Consent Agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting. Fall/Winter program fees were recommended to stay the same with the exception of the Squash program, for which the recommendation was to raise the fee from \$105 to \$115 per person. Discussion was held.

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve the 2013/14 Fall/Winter consent agenda on program fees, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley, and unanimously approved.

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

October 24, 2013

Adjournment