

PRINCETON RECREATION BOARD

December 19, 2013

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on December 19, 2013 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Germaine, Dr. Cahill, Mr. DiGregorio and Ms. Reid

Activities

Mr. Marroli reported on the following activities:

- Final Special Needs dance of 2013 was held on 12/13/13 at Community Park School. 50 youth attended the event, which Mr. Marroli noted was the largest turnout in recent memory. The next dance will be held on 1/10/14.
- PAWS Wrestling competed in two tournaments during December, the Robbinsville Duals on 12/8/13 and the Tiger Classic at Jadwin Gym on 12/14/13. The Tiger Classic was immediately followed by a clinic led by the Princeton University coaches and a pizza party afterward for all participants. The next match is scheduled for 1/19/14.
- Dillon Basketball season began with the first set of games at Dillon Gym on 12/14/13. Games will also be played on 12/21/13. There are currently 277 children registered for the program. Mr. Marroli noted that based on the number of Saturdays that Dillon Gym is made available to PRD, the Dillon program is often forced to make use of dates when the university students are on academic break and not typically on campus. In these instances, the Recreation Department Dillon Staff fill-in as coaches. This typically happens each season and we staff accordingly on those dates. Ms. Butler commented that in a recent conversation with Princeton University President Eisgruber, he praised the Dillon Program and noted that it would be a great idea if we expanded the ages for participation. Mr. Eisgruber's son has aged out of the program. Mr. Stentz explained that several years back, PRD ran a basketball program for 10-12th graders but it was poorly attended and subsequently canceled after several seasons.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Travel Basketball teams played their first games during the weekend of December 7th & 8th. All teams will compete December 21-22 before a two-week holiday break.
- Registration is underway for the Youth Squash Clinic to be held at Jadwin Gym on six dates in early 2014.

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- Princeton Council reached an agreement at the last council meeting with the Princeton Parks & Recreation Fund (PPRF). PPRF will be issuing a check to the town in the amount of \$510,000 to help offset the costs for pool construction. This payment will satisfy the PPRF obligation for pool construction costs, but all future additional donations designated for the pool will be set aside for a payment to the municipality.
- The Recreation Department was invited to the most recent a municipal "Green Team" meeting, hosted by Sustainable Princeton. The Recreation Department has already launched several 'green' initiatives over the last couple of years and a list of recent initiatives was provided to Sustainable Princeton.
- Mayor, Council and Administration hosted a "Zero Waste" Holiday pizza party on 12/13/13 for all municipal employees. All waste from the party (paper and food) was composted. This town-wide event was organized and hosted by PRD.
- PRD Maintenance staff has been busy with snow removal at their designated locations. Since consolidation, PRD Maintenance is now responsible for snow removal at the entire Witherspoon Street Municipal Complex, Monument Hall Municipal Complex, the Fire-House on Witherspoon Street and the First-Aid and Rescue Station on Harrison Street. ***Discussion was held.***
- Mr. Stentz thanked the Recreation Board for their service this year.

Communications

- The folder of communications was distributed

Public Comment

Will Ratner, 8th grader at John Witherspoon MS, and his mother, were present to follow-up on Will's previous inquires to Town Council and Recreation Staff regarding the viability of a Dog Park in Princeton. Mr. Stentz reminded the Board that this topic has not been identified as a priority for the Recreation Board in recent memory. Mr. Stentz also noted that because this project has not been on the Board's radar, no budgetary planning has taken place to date. The Board asked Recreation Staff to follow-up on the viability of the passive portion of Greenway Meadows as a potential location and report back. The Board requested further information from Mr. Ratner. **Discussion was held.**

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Koontz referenced the November minutes, and requested that an amendment be made to provide further detail and explanation as to the Board's decision to award the 2014 CP Pool Concession contract to R & K's Poolside Concession.

Discussion was held.

Dr. Nosker inquired as to whether more detailed financial information has been provided by the Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) regarding their operation of the CP Tennis Courts, per the Board's request at the November meeting. Mr. Stentz indicated he has received that information and will bring it to a future board meeting.

Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the November 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Nosker, and approved. Ms. Rogers and Ms. Asagra Stanley abstained.

New Business

A. Meeting dates for 2014

Mr. Koontz made the motion to approve the meeting dates for 2014, seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved.

B. Appointment of Board Chair for 2014

- Ms. Germaine is resigning as the Chair of the Recreation Board at the end of 2013, but will continue on the Management Committee.
- Mr. Zucosky will be resigning from the Management Committee at the end of 2013.
- Dr. Nosker has been nominated as the Chair of the Recreation Board for 2014.

Mr. Zucosky made the motion to approve Dr. Nosker as the Chair of the Recreation Board in 2014, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley and unanimously approved.

C. Management Committee Members for 2014

- Management Committee for 2014: Dr. Nosker, Ms. Germaine and Ms. Rogers

Dr. Frawley made the motion to approve the Management Committee members (Nosker, Germaine & Rogers) for 2014, seconded by Mr. Koontz and unanimously approved.

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

January 23, 2014

Adjournment