

PRINCETON RECREATION BOARD

February 27, 2014

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on February 27, 2014 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, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Ms. Germaine and Mr. DeGregorio

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

Absent: Dr. Cahill, Ms. Butler, Mr. Koontz and Ms. Reid

Activities

Mr. Marroli reported on the following activities:

- Special Needs dance was held on 2/7/14 at Community Park School. 50 youth attended the event. The next dance will be held on 3/7/14.
- Dillon basketball clinics were held on Jan. 28 & 29 and Feb. 18. All were well attended.
- Dillon Bball playoffs begin on 3/1/14 and end on 3/15/14.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Travel basketball playoffs will begin weekend of March 8th.
- Youth squash clinic series will end on 3/9/14.
- Ice skating was safe from: Jan 25 – Feb 1 @ CP North (8 days), Jan. 28 – Feb 1 @ Lake Carnegie (5 days)
- Mowing and Turf Management bid packages became available on 2/20/14. The deadline for vendors to return sealed bids is 3/14/14 at 11:00am.
- Athletic fields in municipal parks are tentatively scheduled to open on 4/1/14. Assessing the condition of the fields will be delayed due to the fact that they are still snow covered. It is possible that the 4/1/14 date may get pushed back.
- All seasonal job opportunities have been posted. Employment opportunities are being advertised through the PRD website, social media, PPS email blasts, area bulletin boards and at municipal offices.
- Kathy Monzo, Deputy Administrator, has asked Mr. Moorhead for a general review and comparison of the former Township and Borough Parks and Recreation ordinances. Ordinances were compared for language, possible elimination, duplication, etc. A draft report of recommendations and comments has been delivered to Ms. Monzo and will be reviewed by the Ordinance Committee.

Corner House Student Board Report

Zach DiGregorio reported on the following:

A Skate-a-thon is being planned as a fundraiser for Corner House. The date has not been finalized.

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- The Ordinance review committee, along with legal counsel will determine the language and what will be adopted for use going forward.
- February 2014 newsletter has been well-received and Mr. Marroli was thanked for his work in creating the newsletter.
- Updates: The change to new accounting software is moving very slowly. The representative that will assist with this move is currently working on another municipal project. Making the change to the new software will require the purchase of new computers that are PC, not Macs.
- Staff met with PPS Superintendent Steve Cochrane on 2/27/14 to review facility sharing for the next three months.
- Recreation Staff will attend the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association Conference in Atlantic City from 3/2/14 to 3/4/14.
- PRD Maintenance staff has put in 556 overtime hours of snow removal this winter; Approximately 115 per worker. On two separate occasions the staff has worked shifts of 24 + continuous hours. Mr. Stentz praised the Maintenance Staff for their dedication in completing the job with just five staff members.
- The Spring/Summer Activities brochure is ready to be launched electronically. Due to the potential up coming snowstorm, we are holding back the launch date by a few days.

- Mr. Stentz appeared in front of Council on 2/24/14 to present the revised park maintenance plan. In review of the Park Maintenance memo and Power Point that was sent out:
 - Reviewed park maintenance, shift in division of labor and manpower adjustments.
 - Explained process of taking in public feedback and getting that feedback to the appropriate department.
 - Reviewed systematic approach of deploying existing manpower in a more routine manner to park locations.
 - **Discussion was held.**

Communications

- The folder of communications was distributed. Included were general items and thank you letters.

Public Comment

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Zucosky made a motion to approve the January 2014 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Asagra Stanley. Dr. Nosker and Dr. Frawley abstained.

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

New Business

A. Consent Agenda: Spring/Summer Registration Fees

Mr. Stentz recommended no increases to program or membership fees for spring/summer 2014. Some program fees and program start dates may need to be adjusted based on additional snow days for PPS.

It was recommended to open registration on March 1st, with the exception of all camps so that staff could pro-rate any fees for camps that need to be shortened due to PPS snow days. Camp registration will begin on 3/5/14.

Discussion was held.

Dr. Frawley made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Spring/Summer Registration Fees, seconded by Ms. Germaine and unanimously approved.

Mr. Stentz also informed the Board that the upcoming Philadelphia Flower Trip (3/4/14) could be in jeopardy because of the potential snowstorm. If the trip is canceled, approx. \$600 would be lost from nonrefundable tickets.

B. Track Camp (new Program)

Mr. Moorhead presented the proposal for a new Track Camp program to be run by Princeton HS Track Coach, Ben Samara. Details and program content are still being worked on. The track at the PHS would be made available for the camp at no cost. An anticipated attendance of 20 kids would cover expenses and staff. Coach Samara expressed interested in introducing the sport at a younger age in hopes of gaining interest in the sport and creating a feeder program.

Discussion was held.

Ms. Asagra Stanley made the motion to approve the new Track Camp program. This motion was seconded by Mr. Zucosky and unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

March 27, 2014

Adjournment