

PRINCETON RECREATION BOARD

June 26, 2014 - NO QUORUM PRESENT

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on June 26, 2014 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Dr. Nosker, Mr. Koontz, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Dr. Cahill, Mr. Zucosky & Ms. Butler

Also present: Mr. Stentz, Mr. Marrolli, Mr. Moorhead & Mr. Groeger

Absent: Ms. Asagra-Stanley, Dr. Frawley, Ms. Germaine, Ms. Rogers

Mr. Zucosky reported that he has submitted his resignation from the Recreation Board to Mayor Lempert. Mr. Zucosky commented that he takes great pride in the work done by the Board during his 7 + years as a member. Mr. Zucosky thanked the Board and the Staff for the work that they have done and continue to do on behalf of the community. Mr. Stentz thanked Mr. Zucosky for his years of service and his strong support of the department and staff and his commitment to upholding the values of the Department and Board.

Activities

Mr. Marrolli reported on the following activities:

- The Special Needs BBQ was held on 6/6/14 at CP Pool. CP Pool concessionaire, Ray Van Arsdale, provided the food.
- Girls Summer Hoops Clinic Series started on 6/26/14 and Boys Summer Basketball League begins 6/27/14.
- Day Camp & Teen Travel Camp started today, June 26th. Both camps run for eight weeks.

John Groeger was introduced as the new Program Supervisor.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- The new PRD Youth Track Camp begins July 14th. Mr. Groeger & Mr. Moorhead met with Camp Directors Jim Smirk and Ben Samara earlier this week to plan for the start of camp. Mr. Samara and Mr. Smirk are the PHS Varsity track coaches and will be running the camp.
- Men's Summer Basketball started on 6/11/14 and will run through early August. Games are Mon/Wed/Fri evenings.
- Adult Water exercise classes began on 6/2/14. Swim and Dive lessons begin on 6/27/14.
- The Bluefish Swim & Dive Team had their first meet of the season today at CP Pool.
- The Princeton Little League hosted the 50-70 District Tournament at Farmview Fields from last Wednesday through this Tuesday. Princeton Little League won the tournament and will be advancing to sectionals. The PRD Maintenance Staff received high commendation from both local and regional Little League representatives for their work at Farmview Fields.
- Farmview Fields Scoreboard Project: The scoreboard is now on-site but not yet in its final location. Princeton Little League (PLL) is coordinating the project.
- Mr. Moorhead received an email from a Princeton Resident in regards to PRD considering offering an early morning aerobics class in the dive well. There is no lifeguard on duty at the dive well during this time and PAM is at the pool using the lap pool. *Discussion was held.*

Corner House Student Board Report

Mr. Stentz reported that Mr. DiGregorio and Ms. Reid have completed their assignments as Liaisons to the Recreation Board as members of the Corner House Student Board. New liaisons will be appointed for Fall 2014.

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- The storm from 6/25/14 knocked out the fire safety system temporarily at CP Pool and in the Recreation Office. The pool system is back up and running, while the office will take a few more days to repair. The storm also knocked out the PA system at CP Pool as well as the emergency alarm at the pool. A technician is coming tomorrow to take a look at both systems.
- CP Pool Registration Update: Pool membership is almost at 5,100 members. Last year's total membership was just shy of 5,400 members. We are currently 30 or 40 members ahead of last year's pace at this same time. Mr. Stentz feels that 5,000 pool members is the new "norm" in terms of profitable standards for PRD. Mr. Koontz

raised the question as to why there are so many other pool advertisements from neighboring pools that have popped up recently. *Discussion was held.*

- All Spring/Summer registration numbers are at a very healthy amount right now. In the offseason, Mr. Stentz challenged Mr. Marroli to increase the registration numbers for both day camp & Girl's Basketball programs and both programs have seen an increase in registration for this summer.
- Mr. Moorhead & Mr. Stentz met with the Town's ordinance review committee. The committee is attempting to bring the two sets of park ordinances from the Former Township & Borough together into one set. One area that is being discussed by the Committee is the possibility of open flames & grills in authorized park locations. The Committee is also reviewing past and existing language that relates to the Recreation Board and whether it needs to be classified a 'Board' or a 'Commission' to be able to continue operating with its existing authorities and oversight. *Discussion was held.*
- The PRD office has been open for 26 days in a row for patrons to register for spring/summer programs as well as get their pool photo ID's taken. Mr. Stentz commented that this is a service to residents that is unmatched by any other municipal department.
- Princeton Parks & Recreation Fund Update: Peter O'Neill has stepped down as Chair and resigned his post from PPRF. Karen Jezierny has been elected to be the new Chair of the Fund. The fund is examining ways of how to partner with the Recreation Board to plan an event to celebrate PRD's 50th Anniversary.
- The town of Princeton is in the process of starting a new "Call Center" for residents to inquire with frequently asked questions related to municipal services. There will be a live person to call in and speak with, as well as a "See-Click-Fix" mobile app that residents can submit photos and information through. This information will be distributed to the appropriate department to take action and respond to the resident. The soft launch is set for mid-July, with the idea of the Call Center being in full operation by the Fall 2014.
- CP Pool Update: The pool has passed all required annual health & electrical inspections, as well as passed unannounced health, safety, and JIF inspections. A few very minor issues were found as a result of the inspections and have since been resolved. Two new shade structures have been erected at the pool and have been well received by pool patrons. Mr. Stentz is working on finding locations to place additional shade as well.
- CP Pool has hosted outside groups such as the YWCA, Corner House Teen Program, Princeton Tennis Camp, and the Red Umbrella Reading Program. On Thursday, July 10th, Mr. Stentz will be participating as a 'reader' in the Red Umbrella Reading Program.
- Training for lifeguard staff and customer service staff is currently on going and has consisted of many evening and weekend dates.
- One issue that has recently surfaced is a conflict between our morning lap swimmers and senior swim users. The two groups have had conflicting viewpoints on lane usage and which group is allowed to swim in which lane. Mr. Moorhead states the main issue has been the seniors group is verbally assaulting non-seniors as to where they think they are allowed to swim. Currently, the lanes are set-up to divide swimmers of different ages, but new ideas are being considered such as dividing up lanes by swimmers of various speeds. Mr. Moorhead states there are many groups using the pool at the same time and swim lanes are at a premium. *Discussion was held.*
- One of the main water heaters at CP Pool, which services the Women's locker room showers and sinks, suddenly stopped working in mid-April. A plumber came out and attempted to fix the water heater but was unable to do so. Fortunately, a PSEG employee was able to fix the water heater. The main cause of the water heater's malfunction is unknown at this time but a few electronic features were determined to be inoperable. *Discussion was held.*
- In Mid-May, two other water heaters at CP Pool began to malfunction. The manufacturers of these heaters, which provide 'instant hot water', have stopped making this particular product and replacement parts are no longer available. Jefferson Plumbing was able to repair the units, however the next time they malfunction, they may need to be completely replaced.
- There have been several issues inside some of our parks involving water fountains, mainly the former Borough parks. The main issue at these parks is that sand from the sand boxes is being dumped down the water fountain drains. The sand clogs the plumbing and the fountains either stop working or stop draining correctly. Mr. Stentz raised the question as to the need for water fountains in these parks and how to solve the issue. Another question Mr. Stentz also raised the question as to how sanitary it is having sand boxes at any parks. Attempting to keep fixing the water fountains on a daily basis is proving to be an extremely time-consuming endeavor for the maintenance staff. *Discussion was held.*
- Financial Aid Update: We are currently up to 90 applications as compared to 82 applications from last year. We are very excited to have this many families asking for FA assistance and to be able to provide help to these families. This is the highest amount of applications Mr. Stentz can remember PRD having.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Princeton Little League hosting State Tournament from July 10 – 15
 - PRD Family Golf Outing is July 28th at Mercer Oaks
 - Community Night Out is August 5th at CP Pool
 - Kid's Splash & Dash Aquathon is August 24th
 - CP North concert series: July 12, July 19 & August 2

- Park Maintenance Update: Graffiti in PRD parks has seen an increase as compared to the last few years. There have been six separate incidents: Four at Grover Park, one at Hilltop Park and one at Mountain Lakes Dam. This is a very time consuming process as when this happens, the police must be notified and the maintenance staff must spend time to clean the area thoroughly. *Discussion was held.*
- Mayor Lempert appointed Darius Young of Birch Avenue to the Recreation Board to complete the term of Tom Zucosky.

Communications

- The folder of communications was distributed.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum.

Old Business

- A. Funding for accounting software conversion and MAC to PC Conversion. No quorum.

New Business

- A. Nonresident eligibility and fees for summer Day Camp program.

No quorum. Board members present allowed Mr. Stentz to proceed with NR registration, as needed, since camp began today.

Approval of Bills

No quorum.

Next Meeting Date

July 24, 2014

Adjournment