

## PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

August 26, 2015

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on August 26, 2015 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

**Present:** Dr. Nosker, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Dr. Frawley,  
Ms. Germaine and Ms. Butler

**Also Present:** Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Groeger

**Absent:** Dr. Cahill, Mr. Koontz, Mr. Young and Mr. Marrolli

### Activities Report

Mr. Groeger reported on the following:

- o Day Camp ended on 8/14/15. There were a total of 190 campers registered for Session 2. There were 545 participants in the lunch program in 2015 compared to 372 in 2014.
- o Skateboard Camp took place during the weeks of July 27 & August 10 at Hilltop Skate Park. There were eight (8) participants in week 1 and sixteen (16) in week 2.
- o The Girl's Summer Basketball Clinic Series ended on 8/4/15.
- o The Boy's Summer Basketball League ended on 7/29/15 for the Senior Division and 7/31/15 for the Junior Division.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- o The Men's Summer Basketball League ended on 7/29/15.
- o PRD will host a Rutgers SAFETY Clinic for youth sports coaches on 9/30/15 at 7 pm in the main court room in Witherspoon Hall.
- o Mr. Moorhead is working with all youth sports organizations on their field requests for the fall. He met with Chrissy Brown from Girls Softball on 8/25/15 at CP South to discuss field needs for their fall clinic series.
- o Mr. Moorhead received a request from the Lewis School to reserve space at Community Park South & Farmview for their soccer program. The school inquired as to whether an opportunity was available for a discount of the \$40 field reservation charge. The Lewis School does not have facilities of their own. *Discussion was held.*
- o Mr. Moorhead will be meeting with Mike Uchrin, PRD Aquatics Director & Bluefish Head Coach, on 8/27/15 for our annual year-end wrap up.
- o The Lifeguard Training Course was held during the week of August 10. Eight (8) individuals participated in the course and seven (7) of those eight (8) were hired as CP Pool Lifeguards following completion of the course. Mr. Moorhead noted the difficulty our Aquatics Director has in finding enough lifeguards to adequately staff the pool for the last few weeks of the pool season every year. This year, in particular, has proved quite difficult with Labor Day being so late in the calendar (9/7/15). *Discussion was held.*
- o Mr. Uchrin conducted a recertification course for the Master Swim (PAM) lifeguards on 8/24/15 & 8/25/15. There were nine (9) individuals in the class. Being able to self-guard their daily sessions is a crucial element to the PAM program.

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- The first Special Needs Dance of the fall will take place on 9/18/15 at John Witherspoon Middle School. Due to an increase in attendance, many of the PSS Dances will take place at JWMS this year since it is a larger space than Community Park Elementary School. *Discussion was held.*
- Mr. Stentz praised the staff for their hard work and expressed his appreciation for all the extra hours worked throughout the summer. *Discussion was held.*

Director's Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- CP Pool has officially been approved by PASDA to host the 2016 Swim Championships. Mr. Uchirin & Mr. Marroli will begin meeting soon to discuss plans for this two-day event. Mr. Stentz anticipates that parking will be the biggest challenge with very large crowds expected to attend.
- Phase 1 of the Water Fountain Project is now complete. Two (2) new water fountains were installed at CP South (Tennis Shed & Field 2) and the water line was extended to an existing fountain closer to Field 3 to bring it back online. The two (2) new fountains have bottle fillers. Phase 2 of the project is now underway. This will include replacing a broken unit at Turning Basin Park with a brand new unit and replacing the existing fountains at Grover Park & Hilltop Park, which have reached the end of their life span. The water fountain project at CP South cost approximately \$20,000, however, roughly 75% of that will be reimbursed by Princeton Tennis Program.
- Mayor and Council have asked the Recreation Dept. Staff to coordinate a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the pool on 9/9/15 from 5:30-7pm.
- Mr. Stentz provided an update on gender neutral restrooms in the parks. In speaking with the town's plumbing sub-code official, Dave Hvisdock, Mr. Stentz was made aware that there are state building codes that require a certain number of restroom fixtures based on that particular location's classification. Parks are classified as an assembly point and there is a chart that determines how many fixtures a park must have based on its total acreage. This could potentially impact whether or not park restrooms in their current state can be made gender neutral. Mr. Hvisdock indicated that an appeal would need to be made to the state before such a change could take place. *Discussion was held.*
- Mr. Stentz reported on a sensitive situation that took place at the pool the previous weekend. A pool patron was breast feeding her child near the snack bar with no cover. Several patrons complained to the pool front office. Ms. Caines approached the woman to ask if she would mind covering up a bit more. The woman replied that she absolutely would not cover up and that the people should stop staring at her. This family has requested to have signage posted at the pool that this facility is a "Breast Feeding Friendly Facility". *Discussion was held.*
- Princeton Mayor & Council are evaluating a proposal in which D&R Greenway and Mercer County purchase the Powell Property, located at the intersection of Snowden Lane & Herrontown Road. This property abuts Herrontown Woods and is primarily open space at the moment, along with one (1) house. In total, the property consists of several acres of land and is made up of three (3) lots that form a "U" shape. Mr. Stentz reports that he only heard about this possibility two days prior to the Recreation Commission meeting. *Discussion was held.*
- As of this week, CP Pool is over the 100,000 visitor mark for the 2015 season.
- Mr. Stentz provided an update on the Mary Moss Park (MMP) project, including the interactive display piece that was used at the 8/4/15 Community Night Out. This display provided some positive exposure for the upcoming project which bodes well as we seek to further engage the public in discussion about that park's future.

- Sixteen (16) total proposals have been received for the design services on the project. Mr. Stentz has been reviewing each proposal and will soon coordinate review with Asst. Engineer Deanna Stockton. Ultimately, the sub-committee will need to interview several of the prospective contractors and then make a recommendation to the Recreation Commission. *Discussion was held.*
- Council has given approval for PRD to hire two (2) new full-time maintenance staff. These two (2) positions will bring the total of full-time maintenance staff to seven (7).
- AED Legislation Update: The proposed legislation is still sitting on Governor Christie's desk. The NJRPA Legislative Committee conducted a survey of numerous park & recreation agencies and youth sport groups across the state and the data from that survey has been sent to the Governor's office for his review. *Discussion was held.*

#### Communications

- A. PRD has received several notes from individuals interested in doing something special to celebrate the pool's 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2016.
- B. Email from Peggy Grant requesting an outdoor area where residents can play Petanque (similar to bocce). *Discussion was held.*

#### Public Comment

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Butler made a motion to approve the July 2015 Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Frawley, and approved. Ms. Rogers Abstained.

#### Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

#### New Business

- A. **Commemorative Plaque at CP Pool in honor of Larry Ivan:** *Discussion was held.* Motion was amended to include approval of the plaque and \$1,000 donation from the Commission. Dr. Frawley made the motion to approve the plaque and \$1,000 donation, seconded by Ms. Germaine, and approved.
- B. **Letter of Understanding re: Princeton Basketball Club (PBC):** The letter of understanding (LOU) outlines the specifics of the transition of winter-time travel basketball from PRD to PBC. Ms. Rogers made the motion to approve the LOU, seconded by Ms. Olivares-Weber, and approved.

#### Approval of Bills

- Ms. Germaine made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ms. Butler, and approved.

#### Next Meeting Date

September 24, 2015

#### Adjournment