

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

March 23, 2016

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on March 23, 2016 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Dr. Nosker, Ms. Butler, Ms. Germaine, Dr. Cahill , Dr. Frawley, Ms. Mills (CH Student Board) and Ms. Olivares-Weber

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

Absent: Mr. Koontz, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Young and Mr. Riley (CH Student Board)

Activities Report

In addition to activities detailed in the agenda packet, Mr. Marrolli reported on the following:

- **PASDA Swim Championships:** Mr. Marrolli reported that the third planning meeting was recently held for the PASDA swim championships on 3/22/16. Quotes are being received for a 30 x 30 tent and 70 chairs to be used for the marshalling area behind the dive well, as well as for a shuttle to transport patrons from various parking lots to the CP Pool. A master parking plan is also being created. The next meeting is scheduled for late April.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- **Field scheduling for spring 2016:** All community sport group partners are preparing for their spring season and require athletic field space. The maintenance staff has spent a large amount of time prepping the fields and we are hoping to have the fields open the weekend of 4/2/16, weather permitting.
- **Drainage in Community Park South:** There has been an ongoing issue with water collecting by the batting cages near the Race Street side of Community Park South. The maintenance crew and the engineering department have spent time trying to determine why water is collecting in that area. Quotes are being sought from contractors to fix the drainage issue. *Discussion was held.*
- **Mowing and Turf Management Bid Update:** The mowing and turf management bids were placed on the Council agenda for the 3/28/16 meeting. With Council approval, mowing is expected to begin the first week in April.

Corner House Student Report

- **Corner House Programing:** Ms. Mills reported on the success of the Corner House card making program, delivered cards to senior citizens.
- **Yoga Event at PHS:** On 4/9/16, Corner House will be running a public yoga event at Princeton High School. The event is free of charge and there will be food and smoothies available at the event.

Public Comment

- Dan Fabrizio, a West Windsor resident, commented about his desire for free pool admission for twilight lap swimming. Mr. Fabrizio states that at times in the past he was allowed to enter the pool for free between 7 and 8 pm. Last summer, after realizing that this was taking place, PRD Staff alerted Mr. Fabrizio that he cannot swim free of charge and that he would need to pay the daily rate to enter the pool and swim laps no matter what time he arrives to swim. Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Fabrizio discussed this via telephone in summer 2015. Mr. Fabrizio asked the Commission to extend the courtesy of allowing him to swim for free, as he was occasionally allowed to do so in the past. Mr. Moorhead and the Commission explained to Mr. Fabrizio that

there is no prorated rate for swimmers, and that all patrons without a membership need to pay to enter the facility. *Discussion was held.*

Director's Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- **Upcoming Events:** On 5/14/16, the "Wheels Rodeo" will be held in the upper lot at the Municipal building. Mr. Marroli and Mr. Groeger will be participating in the Princeton High School Career Day on 4/13/16. Corner House will hold their annual gala at the Mercer County Boat House on 4/15/16.
- **Baseball tournament:** Princeton will again host the district 50/70 baseball tournament at Farmview Field on 6/21/16 from 6/28/16.
- **CP Pool registration update:** Roughly 1,300 people have registered for pool memberships, which is a couple hundred ahead of last year's pace.
- **Capital project updates:** The painting project of the exterior wood around the pool complex began on 3/23/16 and is expected to conclude in less than one week. The irrigation project inside the pool complex began on 3/23/16.
- **Website update:** The Municipality is in the process of redoing their website and the Recreation Department will be able to control the information on their own website. The launch date for the new website is still undetermined, but the Recreation Department has transferred all current info into the new format and will be ready when the site does launch. Mr. Stentz commended Mr. Marroli and Mr. Groeger for the work they put into transferring the information to the new website. *Discussion was held.*
- **Boy Scout update:** Boy Scout Troop 43 will be doing some work at Autumn Hill Reservation on behalf of the town. The troop will be pulling out all of the old benches that have deteriorated over time. They will rebuild some of the benches and place them back in the park. *Discussion was held.*
- **Mary Moss Playground:** Mr. Stentz reported that Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Butler, Ms. Germaine and Ms. Olivares-Weber had a meeting on 3/23/16 with the consultant from the RBA group to discuss information from the first public meeting on 3/9/16. RBA will provide three design sketches and they will be reviewed by the subcommittee and be presented at the next public meeting on 5/3/16. *Discussion was held.*
- **Shared facility agreement:** Mr. Stentz met with Princeton Public Schools Superintendent, Steve Cochran, to discuss the agreement between the Recreation Department and PPS for field space rental and gym/school rental. *Discussion was held.*
- **USA Soccer Rule Changes:** Ms. Butler inquired about the US Soccer rule changes that have been implemented dealing with the age at which players are allowed to head the ball. *Discussion was held.*

Communications (included in agenda packet)

- **Pool membership email:** Mr. Stentz shared an email that he received from a resident about changing how the pool family membership is defined, with hopes of including an au pair. Mr. Stentz reminded the Commission that this was discussed in detail at the January 2016 meeting and that all policies can be reevaluated after the current season. *Discussion was held.*

Approval of Minutes

- *Ms. Germaine made a motion to approve the February 2016 Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Cahill, and approved.*

New Business

- **What's up Princeton 'Open Mic Night' Proposal:** Mr. Marrolli introduced the collaboration between the Arts Council, Corner House, the Princeton Library, HiTOPS, and the Recreation Department. There will be a teen open mic night on 5/6/16. There has been a request from Arts Council Executive Director, Jeff Nathanson for each organization to commit \$250 to be used for the expenses at the event.
Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the Open Mic Night proposal, seconded by Ms. Germaine and approved.
- **Request to donate one 2016 CP Pool Family Membership to Corner House and Human Services:** Mr. Stentz recommended that the Commission donate a 2016 CP Pool Family membership to both Corner House and the Human Services Commission. *Ms. Butler made a motion to approve the donation of a 2016 CP Pool Family Membership to Corner House and Human Services, seconded by Ms. Olivares-Weber and approved.*

Approval of Bills

- *Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ms. Germaine and approved.*

Next Meeting Date

April 28, 2016

Adjournment