

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

May 19, 2016

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on May 19, 2016 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Ms. Butler, Ms. Germaine, Ms. Rogers, Dr. Frawley and Dr. Cahill
Also Present: Mr. Stentz and Mr. Moorhead
Absent: Mr. Koontz, Mr. Young, Dr. Nosker, Ms. Olivares-Weber, Mr. Groeger, Mr. Marroli, Ms. Mills and Mr. Riley (CH Student Board)

Activities Report

In addition to activities detailed in the agenda packet, the following was reported on:

- **Registration Update:** Mr. Stentz commented that registration for all programs is on-going. Day Camp, Teen Travel Camp and Bluefish Swim & Dive team registrations are all going well. CP Pool Membership has slowed the past few weeks, which Mr. Stentz believes is due to the poor weather. The Recreation office stayed open until 7 pm on 5/17 & 5/19 for Pool ID cards, etc. The Recreation office will also be open the first three weekends the pool is open, from 10:30 am – 6 pm, which typically brings another registration surge. *Discussion was held.*
- **Community Park North Concerts:** Mr. Stentz reported that three dates have been identified for Blue Curtain concerts at Community Park North Amphitheatre on 7/9, 7/16 & 7/23. There will also be another concert on August 20th, in which Princeton Police Officer Fred Williams and his band will perform.

Director's Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- **Dive Well Update:** Over the past three weeks, the dive well has been losing a small amount of water each night. Recreation Maintenance staff has been troubleshooting the issue, and recently discovered that a water sensor in the surge (supply) tank was not working properly. The water sensor has now been replaced and the dive well is working properly. *Discussion was held.*
- **Baby Pool Update:** Several delaminated areas of the baby pool have been re-plastered. The worst spots have been repaired for free by the vendor, however not all of the delaminated areas have been repaired. Staff will need to reevaluate the pool at the end of this summer and determine if the entire pool needs to be re-plastered in spring 2017.
- **Princeton Nursery School:** Mr. Stentz has been in discussion with Princeton Nursery School (PNS) about their desire to bring the PNS kids to the CP wading pool this summer. PNS currently uses the Mary Moss pool at no charge, but commented that there are no existing user groups at CP Pool that come free of charge. Mr. Stentz suggested that he would meet with Wendy Cotton, Executive Director of PNS to discuss fees and schedule. *Discussion was held.*
- **Larry Ivan Plaque Unveiling Ceremony:** The Larry Ivan Plaque Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10th at CP Pool from 6 – 8 pm. Mr. Ivan will be presented with a proclamation from Princeton Mayor & Council.
- **Upcoming Staff Training Sessions:**
 - Customer Service Orientation: Saturday, May 21st
 - Lifeguard Orientation: Monday, May 23rd
 - Day Camp Orientation: Saturday, June 11th
 - Teen Travel Camp Orientation: Wednesday, June 15th

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- **Farmview Lower Baseball Field:** Mr. Moorhead reported an issue to the Commission last summer that several foul balls hit out of the Farmview lower baseball field often end up in a particular resident property, in and around their pool area. The Princeton Little League (PLL) 50/70 tournament exacerbated the issue as it brought stronger players who used a bigger bat, and thus hit the ball farther. Mr. Moorhead has received quotes for a 30-foot high net that could be placed along the 1st base line to hinder foul balls from advancing out of the field. Recreation Staff submitted this project for funding through the tax-supported capital budget in November 2015, but that budget was just approved earlier this month. With the next PLL tournament coming up in about three weeks, Mr. Moorhead expects more foul balls to end up on this particular property. Recreation Staff will reengage the low quoting vendor on this project once funding is officially approved to discuss a timeline for installation, but the project will not be in place for the June 2016 PLL tournament. The Recreation Commission commented that staff should let the resident know the status of the project and the dates of the next PLL tournament. *Discussion was held.*

Communications (included in agenda packet)

- **Dog Park Email:** Nancy Mandel and her husband, who live on 645 Michelle Mews at Palmer Square, are interested in having a dog park in Princeton. Mr. Stentz commented that many factors would need to be taken into account in regards to building a dog park. Several Princeton parks contain deed restrictions which may limit the opportunities for further development. *Discussion was held.*

Public Comment: NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Approval of Minutes

- *Ms. Butler made a motion to approve the April 2016 Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Rogers, and approved. Ms. Cahill abstained.*

Old Business

- **Mary Moss Playground (MMP) Revitalization Project:** The park design process has been narrowed down to two concepts, both of which were presented at the last community meeting on 5/3/16. PRD received additional feedback at the meeting as well as more feedback via survey responses that were emailed to the department. The MMP subcommittee met today and will be sending feedback and ideas to its design consultant, The RBA Group, Inc. The RBA Group, Inc. will work to consolidate the two design concepts to one, incorporating the latest set of comments and feedback, where feasible. Once this concept is received from RBA, the concept will be brought to the Recreation Commission for a formal recommendation and then to Princeton Council. The 6/23/16 Commission meeting may need to be moved to 6/9/16 in order to sequence the presentation of the concept to Mayor & Council on 6/13/16. Ms. Butler will confer with Mayor and Council to determine if the design concept presentation can occur at the June 13th Council meeting. *Discussion was held.*

New Business: NO NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Bills: *Ms. Germaine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ms. Butler and approved.*

Next Meeting Date: June 23, 2016 (Possible change to June 9, 2016/will be finalized ASAP)

Adjournment