

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

February 25, 2016

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on February 25, 2016 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

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

Activities Report

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

- **Retirement of Municipal Engineer:** Mr. Stentz reported that Municipal Engineer, Bob Kiser, will be retiring on July 1, 2016. Mr. Stentz thanked Mr. Kiser for his support of the many recreation projects that the Engineering Dept. has been an important part of through the years.
- **Online registration:** Online registration started on 2/22/16 for all summer programs, memberships and events. The spring/summer activities brochure is available online and printed copies will be available soon.
- **Dillon Basketball League:** Playoffs are underway and in addition, there are two 'Dillon League Night' events scheduled at Jadwin Gym in which our participants will get to play at halftime of a Princeton University game. The dates are 2/26/16 and 3/5/16.
- **Larry Ivan plaque unveiling:** The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016 from 6-8 pm at CP Pool. The plaque will be unveiled and a proclamation will be presented to Mr. Ivan by Princeton Mayor & Council. This is a non-swimming event.

Corner House Student Report

No Report

Director's Report

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. Mr. Moorhead has started to build a schedule that accommodates everyone, as best as possible given the municipal inventory.
- **Field use/rental subcommittee:** The subcommittee met for the third time during the week of Feb. 14, 2016. Mr. Moorhead is planning to present an overview of the subcommittee's research at an upcoming Commission meeting.
- **Grover Park:** Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Macfarlan met at Grover Park with Princeton Little League (PLL) volunteer Mike Petrone regarding some improvements that PLL would like to make. Adding concrete slabs in the dugouts is being discussed.

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- **Mary Moss Playground:** The subcommittee met today (2/25/16) to review materials provided by our design consultant, The RBA Group. The community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at 400 Witherspoon St.

- **Recreation Commission ability to form a Management Committee:** The opinion of the municipal counsel is that the existing Commission cannot form a Management Committee, as was the case with the Joint Recreation Board. *Discussion was held.*
- **2016 RT Reserve capital improvements:** Mr. Stentz reported that staff has done all the necessary and required research on pricing and vendors for all of the approved capital projects that the Commission approved on 12/17/16. This means that as soon as the weather allows, these projects are ready to begin. Mr. Stentz thanked his staff for getting this work done in a short period of time so that projects can happen as soon as possible.
- **Family Golf Program:** Mr. Stentz has been communicating with the Mercer County (Mercer Oaks) Golf staff about the PRD golf event. As our participation numbers have slowly shrunk over the last 4-5 years, it has become more of a challenge for Mercer County to give us the full access to the course for a full day without losing money. The Mercer Oaks staff has offered to help us work on strategies to redesign/rebrand/reconfigure our golf event. Mr. Stentz has had informal conversations with the Princeton Police Dept. and Corner House about potential partnerships that could be part of a re-branded golf event. Mr. Stentz is considering a new model that is more of a traditional golf scramble, possibly in partnership with other Princeton agencies, in which the proceeds go to the Princeton Recreation scholarship fund. *Discussion was held.*
- **Future use of printed brochures:** Staff has been asked to survey neighboring recreation agencies to see if they still design and print hard copy activity brochures. Mr. Stentz reported that staff did a similar survey 6-7 years ago and that he would like to know what the current trends are.
- **Early-Bird registration discount deadline:** Mr. Stentz clarified that since registration began one week earlier than normal this spring, the early-bird registration discount will expire one week earlier than in past years. The new deadline for early-bird pricing is April 8, 2016.

Communications (included in agenda packet)

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

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

Old Business

- **Potts Park gate request:** Dr. Nosker asked if there were any updates on this issue. Mr. Stentz reported that there are no updates as staff continues to wait for a response from municipal counsel on the issue.
- **Dog Park meeting hosted by Mayor Lempert:** Dr. Nosker asked if there were any updates on this issue. Mr. Stentz reported that he does not have any new information.

New Business

- **2016 Check Signing Authorization:** Mr. Stentz recommended that the authorized check signers from the Commission include the current Chair, the previous Chair and Ms. Rogers. *Mr. Young made a motion to accept Mr. Stentz's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Germaine and approved.*
- **Request for resident CP Pool rates for Princeton Public School (PPS) employees:** This item was tabled. Mr. Stentz commented that most PPS employees are 10-month employees and do not live in town, although Administrators and support staff are 12-month employees. Mr. Stentz reported that he will be meeting with Princeton Public Schools Superintendent Steve Cochrane

on 2/26/16 to discuss the status of the quid pro quo agreement between PRD and PPS. *Discussion was held.*

Approval of Bills

- *Ms. Olivares-Weber made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Nosker and approved.*

Next Meeting Date

March 23, 2016

Changed from March 24 to March 23 to accommodate schedules

Adjournment