

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

September 22, 2016

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on September 22, 2016, in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Dr. Nosker, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Butler, Dr. Frawley, Mr. Young, Ms. Germaine and Dr. Cahill

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

Absent: Mr. Koontz and Ms. Olivares-Weber

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Activities Report

- Mr. Groeger reported Dillon Youth Basketball League facilities have been secured with the University and practice/clinic dates and times have been secured with Princeton Public Schools. The first games will take place on Saturday, 12/3/16 at Dillon Gym.
- Mr. Groeger has been working with parent volunteers to set-up PAWS Wrestling and Tiger Cubs schedules. Mr. Stentz and Mr. Groeger have been working PAWS parent-volunteers and Board regarding a transition of the administration of the program, similar to how other youth sport organizations operate. Mr. Stentz and Mr. Moorhead have a meeting set-up with PU Head Varsity Coach, Chris Ayers, on 9/27/16 to further discuss the involvement of Princeton University Wrestling with the PAWS/Tiger Cubs programs. *Discussion was held.*
- Mr. Marroli reported that 65 participants attended the first Special Needs Dance of the school year last Friday, September 16th at John Witherspoon MS Gym. The next dance will be held on Friday, 10/7/16 at 7 pm at the John Witherspoon MS Gym. *Discussion was held.*
- Men's 40 & Over Softball is currently in the playoffs and will wrap up on 10/5/16 barring any rain-outs.
- Mr. Marroli and Mr. Groeger have been updating the website and communitypass registration system with 2016/2017 Fall/Winter program information. Registration will open on 10/1/16. Mr. Marroli has also been working on the new Fall/Winter Activities brochure to be released on 10/1/16.
- Mr. Moorhead reported that PRD hosted the annual Rutgers SAFETY Clinic for volunteer youth sports coaches this past Wednesday, 9/21/16 at Witherspoon Hall. 43 participants attended the clinic from various towns.
- The fall 2016 youth sports season is underway. Scheduling has been a challenge as youth soccer is now been mandated to host 7-on-7 soccer matches, along with their 8-on-8, 9-on-9 and 11-on-11 matches. This means the field lining process now includes lines running in several directions to accommodate the correct field size for those matches. This hasn't created an issue per se, but it's another layer added onto the already crowded field usage system.
- The flag football club is now practicing two nights per week at Hilltop, using both the portable soccer lights as well as the permanent softball field lights. *Discussion was held.*

Director's Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following:

- **Community Park South field conditions:** On 9/21/16, a sink hole appeared in the playing field and a youth soccer player stepped into the hole. Mr. Stentz passed around photos showing the depth and width of the hole. A contractor will be on-site on the morning of 9/23/16 to do some exploratory digging to get a better sense of how large the cavity of the hole is. The hole is currently coned and roped off and Mr. Stentz hopes there is a simple, short-term solution to this dangerous condition. Mr. Stentz reported that funds have been requested in the capital budget to renovate CP South for the past 4-5 years, but the project has been bumped back year by year. Mr. Stentz proposed the possibility of having a Master Plan study executed for the redesign options of CP South. If a master plan was commissioned, with input from all stakeholders, neighbors, and other interested parties, PRD and the Commission would then have a redesign plan to move forward with if funding was made available. Mr. Stentz wants to address repairing the sink hole quickly as he is concerned that if another sink hole were to develop in the near future, he might be forced to shut down the park. *Discussion was held.*
- **Pool Concession Service Update:** A new RFP will need to be issued this winter for the CP Pool concession stand services. *Discussion was held.*
- **Transgender Sub-Committee Update:** The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9/28/16.
- **PPS-PRD Shared Usage Agreement Update:** Mr. Stentz and Mr. Moorhead met with Princeton Public Schools Superintendent, Steve Cochrane, on 9/20/16 to discuss sharing of facilities and fees between PRD and PPS. Mr. Cochrane plans to share information with his facilities committee next week. *Discussion was held.*
- **Corner House Student Representatives:** Two new Corner House student representatives have been assigned to the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners meetings. *Discussion was held.*
- **Princeton Tennis Program Update:** PRD will soon be sending an annual reimbursement invoice to Princeton Tennis Program (PTP), as per the contract between PRD and PTP. The current agreement between PRD and PTP runs through 12/31/17. *Discussion was held.*
- **CP Pool Incident Update:** The police have received the medical examiner's report back in regards to Colin Simonelli's death on 8/20/16. The report stated that Mr. Simonelli had an acute cardiac episode while in the shallow end of the pool, collapsed and became submerged. His death has officially been ruled as accidental, by drowning. *Discussion was held.*
- **CP Pool Update:** Mr. Stentz praised the maintenance staff for the progress it has made in winterizing the pool. The baby pool and main pool are completely shut down and all of the water lines have been blown out. The maintenance staff is currently winterizing the locker rooms. Mr. Stentz reported the maintenance staff had been checking the water level of the dive pool on a regular basis as a leak was suspected. The issue, it seems, may be water running back through the return lines even though the filtration system has been turned off. Mainline Commercial Pools has recommended a pressure test be performed and Mr. Stentz will look to schedule the test ASAP. *Discussion was held.*
- **Mary Moss Project Update:** The MMP subcommittee met on 9/22/16 and has been meeting on a regular basis over the last few weeks to move the project forward. Mr. Stentz reported that it now seems likely that the project will go out to bid in January 2017.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Mercer At Play Grant Update: Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Stockton and Mayor Lempert met with Mr. Koontz to discuss using the next round of grant money to partner with Lawrence Township to make a trail connection from Princeton to the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail (LHT). The cost of such a project is currently unknown. Mr. Stentz suggested that since there is a well-defined time window for completion of projects through this round of funding, the Commission should be proactive in developing a list of possible projects to consider using Mercer-At-Play grant funds to complete. This list will include the possibility of extending the LHT. Mr. Moorhead will lead a subcommittee to review potential projects. Mr. Young and Dr. Nosker volunteered to participate on the subcommittee. *Discussion was held.*

Approval of Minutes

- *Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the July minutes, seconded by Ms. Germaine and approved. Mr. Young and Ms. Butler abstained.*
- *Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the August minutes, seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved. Mr. Young, Dr. Cahill and Ms. Germaine abstained.*

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

October 20, 2016 – Meeting date changed from October 27th.

Adjournment