

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on July 28, 2022 remotely via Zoom.

- Present: Ms. Pirone Lambros, Ms. Rogers, Dr. Nosker, Dr. Cahill & Mr. Burt
- Also Present: Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Marroli, Ms. Paulucci, Mr. Petrucelli
- Absent: Dr. Frawley, Mr. Koontz, Ms. Germaine & Mr. Young

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Corner House Student Board

No Corner House Student Board Report

Activities Report

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

- **Teen Travel Camp Update:** This is the first time TTC has operated since the summer of 2019. Both weeks of camp are at max capacity, and the first week ends on 7/29. Mr. Petrucelli is very excited that PRD was able to offer the camp this summer and reports all campers are enjoying the trips.

In addition to the activities in the agenda packet, Ms. Paulucci reported on the following:

- **Summer Programming Update:** PRD is heading into week 7 of 10 of the summer program calendar. The summer has been very busy, but all programs are running very smoothly. Dr. Nosker asked if there were any COVID-related issues in any camps. Ms. Paulucci commented there have not been any COVID-related issues or cases to deal with.

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

- **Swim & Dive Clinics:** PRD will be offering Swim & Dive clinics in August.
- **PASDA Champs:** The PASDA Swim & Dive Championships were held this week, from 7/25 – 7/28. Mr. Marroli reported the CP Bluefish Swim & Dive team won both respective championships. The 2022 Bluefish Swim & Dive Team season concluded on 7/28 with a team picnic at CP Pool.

Director's Report

Mr. Moorhead commented while the staff did not mention many activities tonight, the staff has been extremely busy this summer and he is proud of the work they have been able to accomplish. The 2022 CP Bluefish Swim & Dive Teams had record participation, with 279 swimmers and 60 divers, which is a huge amount of kids for one program.

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- **CP Pool Update:** With the current heat wave and lack of any significant rain, there have been a number of very busy pool days. There have been 12 days this summer where over 1,000 patrons have visited the pool, and on 6 of those days, over 1,400 patrons have visited the complex. CP Pool Membership is up over 5,000 total members, a number that hasn't been reached for the past 5 or 6 years, which is a great achievement. Two Lifeguard Training courses will be offered in August, which helps bolster the total number of lifeguards on staff for the end of the summer.
- **CP Pool Bluefish Swim & Dive Team :** 5 dual swim meets and 2 dual dive meets were hosted at CP Pool this summer, as well as one mini-meet and 4 days of PASDA Championships.
- **Community Night Out Update:** The event will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Municipal lot and Community Park Pool. Free pool admission will once again be offered from 5 – 8 pm. Staff has been working with the Police to iron out the logistics of all activities. Mr. Moorhead is expecting a big crowd to attend the event.
- **CP Pool Maintenance Issues :** The Kiddie Pool water level controller has not been functioning properly this summer and staff have encountered some issues with the pool not filling properly. The Kiddie Pool was closed for 1 full day earlier this month to investigate the static water line for any issues. The investigation was inconclusive, and as such, troubleshooting the issue will need to be revisited in the fall. Dr. Nosker asked if the sensor was able to be reached by staff. Mr. Moorhead commented staff are able to access the sensor, however, there may be a leak or obstruction in the static water line coming from the Kiddie Pool. The Kiddie Pool also had to be drained and refilled once this summer due to a human excrement issue. Dr. Nosker commented he was concerned last meeting with regards to there being a waitlist for swim lessons. Mr. Moorhead stated over 415 individuals registered for swim lessons this summer, which is over 100 more participants from 2021, and over 150 more participants than 2019. Mr. Moorhead also stated the waitlist number is misleading as individuals are able to sign up on the waitlist multiple times for multiple lessons, among other issues. *Discussion was held.*
- **Parks Update:** Due to the excessive heat wave and lack of rain, non-irrigated athletic fields are burning out. Dr. Nosker asked if there have been any wild fires. Mr. Moorhead commented that while there have not been any wild fires, over the July 4th weekend, some fireworks were set off at Hilltop Park that caught a pile of playground mulch on fire. The damage to the mulch pile was minimal. Municipal Fire Safety Officials are investigating the possibility of an ordinance that would ban fireworks in all municipal parks. Dr. Cahill asked how 2022 CP Pool participation totals compare to those from 2019. Mr. Moorhead commented he hasn't compared 2022 totals to 2019 yet, but his sense is that the 2022 totals have been higher, and noted that membership for this season is on a very strong pace. The hot weather has led to increased participation in all facets at the pool complex. *Discussion was held.*
- **Rosedale Road Roundabout Project :** The project for the roundabout located at Greenway Meadows Park was delayed a week, but has officially started, and access to the park is currently restricted from the Princeton side.
- **Potts Park Donation Request :** A resident who lives next to Potts Park reached out to the Municipality and offered to donate \$10,000 to go towards Potts Park improvements. Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Pirone-Lambros and Ms. Taylor met with the resident to discuss details of the donation. Staff have been obtaining quotes on various improvements, and Mr. Moorhead has agreed upon several improvements with the resident. Proposed improvements include relining the basketball court, new basketball backboards, re-painted basketball rims, a new water fountain, fresh playground mulch and sandbox repair.
- **Barbara Boggs Park Sign :** Mr. Moorhead thanked Mr. Koontz for repainting the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park sign. The sign was picked up recently by PRD Maintenance Staff and has now been anchored into the ground.

- **CP South Master Plan RFP Update:** Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli met with engineering staff to develop an RFP for design proposals for CP South. Mr. Moorhead hopes the RFP will go live in August, with a deadline for design firms to submit proposals by in mid-September. Mr. Moorhead feels it would be appropriate to have a few members of the Recreation Commission to be a part of the process to review proposals and interview firms.
- **Pickleball Subcommittee Update:** The first scheduled meeting of the sub-group will take place during the week of August 1st. .
- **CP North Amphitheatre:** The first Blue Curtain concert of the summer will take place on 7/30/22 at 7 pm. A concert was scheduled to happen on 7/16/22 but was canceled due to a health issue with one of the performers.

Old Business

- **Mercer at Play:** Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Pirone-Lambros and Mr. Marroli met with the Campbell Woods Homeowner Association 3-member board the morning of 6/23 and walked them through proposed improvements to Hilltop Park. Mr. Moorhead and Ms. Pirone-Lambros also met with management staff from Princeton Community Village. Both groups expressed their approval for the potential improvements to Hilltop Park and both meetings were very positive. There were some parking and traffic/safety concerns expressed during those meetings. Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting on 7/25/22 and raised the concerns regarding pedestrian safety near Hilltop Park, as well as parking concerns in/around Hilltop. Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli will continue to move these concerns forward and continue to communicate with both the Police and Engineering Departments.

New Business

No new business

Communications

Communications shared in agenda packet.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve

Approval of Bills

- Ms. Cahill made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.

Next Meeting Date

August 25, 2022