

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on October 6, 2022, remotely via Zoom.

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

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Corner House Student Board

Milan Patel introduced himself as recently appointed to the Corner House Student Board. The annual Dodgeball Tournament will be taking place on Friday, November 4th.

Activities Report

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

- **Programming Update:** PRD will be introducing Tennis Clinics to youth in grades kindergarten through 8. Clinics will take place at Princeton High School. There is also a Kid's Running Race scheduled for 10/28/22, which will take place at Smoyer Park for grades K-5. Staff is anticipating about 125 participants. Ms. Paulucci stated PRD will be offering a new, adaptive yoga class, which will begin on 10/9/22 and be held in the CP Pool Community Room.

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

- **Programming Update:** Staff is working with the US Sports Institute to offer programming options on days when Princeton schools are not in session this fall. PRD will be teaming up with Princeton University to offer a youth basketball clinic on 11/12/22. The Princeton University Women's Basketball Coaching Staff will direct the clinic. As a result of logistical challenges at Princeton University due to ongoing construction, the Dillon youth basketball league will likely be held at the Hun School of Princeton again this winter. Registration for the league will be open shortly.

Director's Report

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- **CP Pool Update:** We are currently in the process of winterizing the pool complex, while still running a few fall programs in the open airway Community Room. Pool covers will be installed over all pools within the next week or two. Separately, several of the arborvitae surrounding the exterior of the kiddie pool died earlier this year. Staff is debating whether to remove and replace with new arborvitae or install privacy slats instead. Mr. Moorhead asked for input from the Commission. *Discussion was held.*

- **Mary Moss Park Spray Pad:** The Mary Moss Park Spray Pad was closed for the season on 9/23/22 and has now been winterized.
- **Smoyer Park Update:** The 11 v 11 soccer field at Smoyer Park is closed for the season to allow the field to rest after recent field repairs were made. Princeton Football Club has been able to relocate their activities to other fields.
- **Dog Park Update:** Ordinances for a temporary dog park at CP South and temporary off-leash hours at Quarry Park are heading to the next Princeton Council meeting for introduction. The off-leash hours at Quarry Park would run from 7 am – 9 am daily and begin on 11/1/22. The temporary dog park at CP South will include construction of temporary fencing, along with a “small dog” zone and a “large dog” zone. Both dog park ordinances will be on a trial basis and be in effect for 90 days as per Council. Dr. Nosker asked how large of an area the temporary dog park at CP South will occupy. Mr. Moorhead commented he does not know the exact measurements of the dog park, but it will cover a large area of currently underutilized space near CP Field 5. *Discussion was held.*
- **CP South Master Plan RFP Update:** Six proposals were received for the CP South Master Plan RFP. The lead Engineering staff member who created the RFP has since resigned from the municipality. Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli are scheduled to meet with the Engineering Department to facilitate the next steps in the RFP process. Dr. Nosker has volunteered to be part of the interview process for proposals. Dr. Nosker asked if PRD staff feel the most important interview questions are engineering questions. Mr. Moorhead commented there will be a fair number of engineering questions to ask, however, Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli will take the lead in conducting interviews. Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli will seek input from the Engineering Department as needed. *Discussion was held.*
- **Pickleball Update:** The pickleball nets and equipment that was ordered a few weeks ago have arrived. Nickolaus Construction is planning on overlaying PB lines on the CP Tennis Courts at some point during the week of 10/10/22. PTP’s tennis season ends on 10/23/22, at which point the pickleball nets will be available to utilize. Dr. Cahill asked how the new pickleball courts will be publicized. Mr. Moorhead responded staff will publicize it the same way we publicize all of our programs and sports, through social media posts, website and email blasts, as well as through signage at the courts. *Discussion was held.*
- **Plan to Return to In-person Meetings :** Princeton Council has returned to in-person meetings as of this September. Mr. Moorhead asked if the Recreation Commission would like to return to in-person meetings. Mr. Koontz and Mr. Young responded they would like to return to an in-person meeting for the November meeting. The consensus among the Commission members in attendance was to hold the November 17 meeting in-person. *Discussion was held.*

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- **Contract Approval – Amazing Athletes Adaptive Multi-sport Clinics:** Mr. Koontz made a motion to authorize PRD to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Amazing Athletes for two Multi-Sport Clinics, seconded by Dr. Nosker and approved.
- **Mercer at Play Recommendation :** Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the Mercer at Play Proposal Recommendation, which includes multiple upgrades at Hilltop Park, seconded by Dr. Nosker and approved.

Communications

Communications shared in agenda packet. Dr. Cahill complimented the staff on the look of the recent programming flyers.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2022