

## PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on July 23, 2020 remotely via Zoom.

- Present: Dr. Nosker, Dr. Cahill, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Koontz & Ms. Rogers
- Also Present: Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead, Ms. Paulucci, Mr. Parker & Ms. Caines,
- Absent: Mr. Young, Mr. Burt, Ms. Germaine & Dr. Frawley

### Public Comment

- No public comment

### Activities Report

- Ms. Paulucci reported on the following
  - **Youth Track:** Both weeks of the Track Program, as well as the High School Track Clinic are sold out. We are adding a 2-week Cross Country program. All, in-person programs have been smooth and we have received a lot of positive feedback from participants and parents. *Discussion was held.*
  - **Youth Basketball Clinics:** Both weeks of the boys' basketball clinics are sold out as is the girls' clinic that takes place next week. All clinics will be individual skill based, bring your own ball with reduced capacity.
  - **Mindfulness** – all 3 sessions are sold out. We are looking to offer more classes in the fall.
  - **Princeton Special Sports:** Working on a plan for the fall for special needs programming as the dances won't be possible.
  - **Fall/Winter Programming:** Staff is having discussions for the future and is looking to come up with some creative ideas to replace some of our traditional program that may not be able to run later this year.
- Mr. Stentz reported on the following:
  - Mr. Stentz thanked the program staff for their flexibility during these trying times and pointed out that Ms. Paulucci switched her schedule to cover some of these newer programs and Mr. Parker switched his schedule to work the Ambassador role at the pool and save the Commission thousands of dollars.
- Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:
  - **Program Cancellations:** Men's Basketball & Men's 40 & Over Softball have both been cancelled due to Covid-19.

### Director's Report

- Mr. Stentz reported on the following:
  - **CP Pool:**
    - The pool opened on 7/13/20. Mr. Stentz credited the staff for implementing numerous changes to the system on very short notice. The entire staff is learning on the fly with the online registration/gate check-in system but so far capping the attendance at 200 has proven to be the right number for now.

- The staff has added some new programs to fill every block of time with appropriate activities.
  - Several staff members have expressed their anxiety regarding interaction with the public at a time when most of the municipality is still closed to the public. We have lost several seasonal staff who were not comfortable working in the current environment. Mr. Stentz expressed pride in the department for doing their job under difficult circumstances and for opening the pool complex which he believes underscores that Recreation is an essential service.
  - Mr. Williamson shared a compliment regarding the pool that was relayed from Council Member Eve Niedergang.
  - Mr. Stentz complimented the customer service team for their poise and skill in dealing with the challenges at the pool/office during these difficult times.
  - Dr. Nosker inquired about the finances of the pool thus far. *Discussion was held.* Mr. Stentz said we are doing our best to avoid those blocks of time where we spend more than we make.
- **Mary Moss Park Sprayground:** Will remain closed until further notice based on the recommendation of the Health Department due to the inability to maintain social distancing in that small facility.
  - **Transfer of Funds to Operating:** Mr. Stentz has made 2 - \$20K transfers thus far per the discretion given him by the Commission in order to cover any shortages in the operating account due to Covid-Related refunds.
  - **New Town Website:** The town is in the process of transitioning to a new website. Training and migration is expected to take place over the next few months with the site slated to go live in late fall.
  - Mr. Stentz thanked the Commission for the trust they have put in him and the rest of the staff this summer.

### Old Business

- **Hilltop Park Project:** We received 2 design concepts from Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE). Both concepts checked a lot of the boxes with regards to our list of requests.
  - Drop-Off Circle: We have moved away from this idea because we would have to sacrifice too many parking spots. We are currently exploring some creative parking ideas with Engineering.
  - We are waiting on revised design concepts from SCE.
  - We are asking for a price quote on design concept to turf the baseball infield. There is currently not enough money to do the actual work of installing turf on that field. Funding would need to be discussed. The sub-committee is in favor of pushing this forward to council. The price tag is an additional \$10K.
  - Communication from Campbell Woods Community: We have received multiple communications from residents of this community expressing their concerns about the project with regards to storm water run-off, parking and the additional lighting. Mr. Stentz stated that storm water management should be improved based on how this new drainage system will work. In addition, the staff continues to look at ways to add

additional parking to this site. *Discussion was held.* Mr. Koontz stated the county will not revisit the matter despite being contacted by neighbors with concerns.

### New Business

- **RT Reserve Request: CP Tennis Court Crack Repair**
  - Mr. Stentz discussed the dilemma on whether to move forward with repair this year or wait until next year and save the money for now. *Discussion was held.* The decision was made to push this off until early 2021.

### Communications

*Communications shared in agenda packet*

### Approval of Minutes

### Approval of Bills

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

### Next Meeting Date

*August 27, 2020*