

Approved Open Session Minutes
Joint Meeting
of the
Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton
Township Committee of the Township of Princeton
400 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
November 1, 2007
Open Session 7:00 P.M.

Present: Borough Mayor Mildred T. Trotman, Borough Council President Margaret Karcher, Councilman David Goldfarb, Councilman Andrew Koontz, and Councilman Roger Martindell

Township Mayor Phyllis L. Marchand, Township Committeewoman Vicky Bergman, Committeeman William Hearon, Committeeman Lance Liverman, and Committeeman Bernard Miller

Absent: Borough Councilwoman Wendy Benchley and Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad

Staff Present: Borough Administrator Robert W. Bruschi and Deputy Borough Clerk Delores A. Williams

Township Administrator James Pascale, Township Clerk Linda S. McDermott and Recreation Director John Roberts

The joint meeting of the Borough of Princeton and Princeton Township was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Trotman asked the Deputy Borough Clerk for roll call and stated that the group is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Princeton Township roll had been called previously at the beginning of their regular meeting which was in progress.

"This meeting is called to order pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of November 1, 2007 was advertised in the Princeton Packet, posted on the bulletin board in the Borough of Princeton municipal building and Township of Princeton municipal building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file of the Office of the Borough Clerk and Office of the Township Clerk. Proper notice have been given the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting."

A Preliminary Findings & Public Input Summary of the Princeton Parks and Recreation Master Plan was distributed to members of Borough Council, Princeton Township Committee and the general public.

Mr. Wayne Bain and Mr. Patrick Hoagland, representatives from the consulting firm of Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., which assisted the Princeton's Joint Recreation Board in preparation of the Joint Recreation Department's Master Plan, presented a powerpoint presentation of "Preliminary Findings & Public Input Summary". The goal of the presentation Parks & Recreation Master Plan is to develop a long-term, prioritized, capital facilities and operations plan based upon an assessment of needs.

Brandstetter Carroll Principal Patrick Hoagland stated that the resident data presented tonight to the governing body members were for review so that they may focus on the plans' recommendations during the final presentation

Household Needs Assessment Surveys were mailed out to 2,500 households in the Borough and Township of Princeton. Responses were from 440 households, which 68 percent were from the Township. Borough Councilman Roger Martindell questioned if the graduates and undergraduates of the Princeton University were included in the surveys that were sent out. Mr. Hoagland replied that they were not.

According to the results, 90 percent of the respondents reported that they have visited Princeton parks or recreation facilities during the past years. Despite the high rate of use, those who responded to the survey indicated a number of areas for recreation improvements. Some of the concerns that were unmet were the paved and unpaved walking and bicycling trails and indoor swimming, fitness and multipurpose facilities.

Mr. Jack Roberts, Director of Recreation, stated that the next step for the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee was to put a vision of concepts in concrete terms, and added that Brandstetter Carroll will be attaching a cost to the concepts as it gets more specific and start to frame a vision over a 10-year period of time. The plan will be given to both municipalities for review after it is drafted.

Both governing bodies questioned the price and prioritization of items to be included in the master plan. Borough Councilman Koontz stated that a prioritized list of the needs and the costs would be helpful.

Mr. Roberts stated the master plan is expected to be completed next summer.

There being no further business, the joint meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

DELORES A. WILLIAMS
Deputy Borough Clerk