

JOINT RECREATION BOARD
January 24, 2013

A meeting of the Recreation Board of Princeton was held on January 24, 2013 in the Princeton Recreation Department (PRD) lower level Conference Room, 380 Witherspoon Street.

Present: Ms. Rogers, Dr. Nosker, Ms. Germaine, Ms. Butler, Mr. Frawley, Mr. Zucosky, Ms. Asagra Stanley, Ms. Olivares-Weber & Mr. Koontz

Also present: Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Marroli, Ms. Herlihy and Corner House Student Board Liaisons Margo Budline and Zack DiGregorio

Absent: Ms. Cahill

Mr. Stentz welcomed everyone and asked all members of the Recreation Board, Recreation staff & Corner House Board to introduce themselves. Mr. Stentz explained that Ms. Rogers and Mr. Zucosky were recently appointed by Mayor Lempert to serve on the Management Committee of the Board and that they, as procedurally outlined, asked Ms. Germaine to be the third member of the Management Committee. The Management Committee has chosen Ms. Germaine to serve as Board Chair for 2013.

Activities

Mr. Marroli reported on the following activities:

- PAWS Wrestling had their first home match on 1/6/13 at Princeton High School (PHS) and they have one more upcoming home match on 2/10/13 at PHS
- Dillon Basketball is approaching the halfway point of the season. On 1/9/13, Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Marroli learned that they would need to adjust one of the playoff dates (March 2) because a Princeton University Volleyball match would take place that day
- Dillon Basketball clinics were held on 1/2/13 & 1/3/13 at JW Middle School and were well attended. There will be two more clinics on 1/29 & 1/30 and registration is already doing well
- Dillon Basketball night will be held on 2/8/13 at Jadwin Gym in partnership with Princeton University. Dillon participants will attend a pizza party then stay and watch a men's game. It's the 3rd year of this event and it has been well received in the past
- January Special Needs Dance was held on 1/11/13 and hosted 44 participants. The next dance will be on 2/8/13
- Mr. Marroli and Ms. Herlihy are already working on Day Camp Staff. Application will go live on PRD website on 2/1/13

Ms. Herlihy reported on the following activities:

- Ms. Herlihy has started planning for the 2013 pool season

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following activities:

- Youth Squash Clinic began on 1/20/13 and there are five more Sundays remaining. Registration is completely full
- Mr. Moorhead met with Dan Shaloo from Musco lighting on 1/24/13 to inspect the lights at the CP Tennis facility. This meeting was in response to concerns from the Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) that the lighting on the middle courts was not as effective as the lighting on the outer courts. Mr. Shaloo confirmed that this is the case, simply based on the facility only having light poles on the perimeter of the complex. Mr. Shaloo confirmed that all poles and fixtures are pointed in the right direction. Mr. Shaloo noted that the current bulbs are approx. 10 years old and could soon reach the end of their lifespan. Mr. Shaloo will put together a quote for re-lamping all of the lights
- Conversations are ongoing with Princeton Little League (PLL) regarding the desired field and drainage improvements for Grover Park and Farmview Fields, which totals approx. \$70,000. PLL has paid approximately \$21,000 towards the infield improvement part of this project already. PLL is hoping that a "50-50" split between PRD/Governing Body & PLL towards the total cost of these improvements. PLL submitted additional technical specifications on their desired drainage system for Farmview Fields (field # 2) and that information has been forwarded on to the Engineering Department for further review. Mr. Stentz reminded the Board that the drainage proposal has not been approved by the Princeton Engineering Department at this point. PLL hopes that the drainage improvements can be completed before their opening day of approximately 4/1/13. Mr. Stentz reported this is highly unlikely because the project must be put out for public bid as it exceeds the \$17,500 threshold for municipal projects. Mr. Stentz reported that fencing desired by PLL for Farmview # 2 could happen before 4/1/13 because it will cost less than the \$17,500 bid threshold (approx. \$15K) and there may be some existing funding in place from a previous park improvement line item. Mr. Nosker stated that he is concerned about the drainage because this has been an issue in the past and he would like to be sure that any new improvements would be more than just a temporary fix.

Discussion was held

Corner House Board Report

- Ms. Budline reported that the Dodge Ball Tournament went well on 11/30/12
- Ms. Budline reported that Corner House held an “accapella night” event and that they are currently working on events for Spring 2013
- Mr. DiGregorio reported that Corner House is working on a “game night” that will take place at either the Library or JW Middle School and that they are also working on a Spring Dodge Ball Tournament event

Directors Report

Mr. Stentz reported on the following items:

- The Scheide Concert sold out every seat. The event was a huge success for PRD, the Parks & Recreation Fund and for the community as a whole. Mr. Stentz thanked the Board members who were able to attend the event.
- The Recreation Dept. now has it's own Federal Tax ID Number so that it can process it's own payroll for its seasonal staff of 200 + employees. Submitting payroll directly to the payroll company streamlines the process and increases efficiency. All of the PRD bank accounts need to be changed because of the new tax ID #
- Mr. Stentz reported PRD is down to about \$3,000 in uncollected financial aid money for the 2012 year. This is the smallest amount of uncollected financial in many years. This stems from some financial aid strategies developed by Ms. Germaine, Mr. Nosker & Mr. Stentz in Fall 2011
- PRD Maintenance Staff has been checking ice often at CP North, Lake Carnegie and Smoyer Park. All ice thickness in those areas was measured today at just less than 3 inches, while 5 inches is the thickness needed to deem the surface as safe. Discussion was held about the process of checking the ice, safety regulations and how PRD notifies the public about ice conditions.
- Mr. Stentz explained the approval of bills to the new members of the Board. Mr. Stentz also mentioned some of the bills would have large amounts due to the expenses of the Scheide Concert.
- Mr. Stentz reported that the PRD maintenance staff will now handle garbage pick-up in all parks in Princeton. From April – September this will require three pick-ups per week and it will require two staff members approx. six hours to complete each time pick-up is performed. There are 18-20 locations. The PRD maintenance staff will now also handle playground equipment inspection and repair.
- Mr. Stentz reported that the while the maintenance staff has done an excellent job of finding creative, cost-saving ways to ‘in-source’ more work, some of the ‘in-sourced’ tasks may now need to be out-sourced again due to new park responsibilities that have come to Recreation as a result of consolidation. Discussion was held about the in-house savings by PRD staff, the quality of service being produced by PRD staff and the realignment of manpower throughout the departments via consolidation. Mr. Stentz reported the increased responsibility of PRD maintenance regarding snow removal. These locations include the Witherspoon Building (parking lots and all sidewalks/stairs/etc.), Monument Building (same as Witherspoon), Fire Dept. facilities on Witherspoon Street & Chestnut Street, 1st Aid Squad on Harrison Street and the Suzanne Patterson Building.
- Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead & Ms. Herlihy completed meetings with all senior pool staff individually to review the 2012 season and to set responsibilities for the 2013 season.
- The pool construction contractor was on-site on 1/18/13, and since then, two leaking drains from the pool locker rooms have been dug out, retro-fitted with a new drain sleeve and had waterproofing applied. Our construction management team, Cambridge Construction Management, believes this should solve the problem. We have requested all of the drains be fixed in the same manor and once this is complete, the locker room floor will be repainted. Mr. Stentz reported that we may perform the painting in-house.
- Mr. Stentz reported he has had multiple discussions with Town Administrator Bob Bruschi about the artificial turf project, and that Mr. Bruschi has said that he supports the project and wants to work towards getting the GB approval.

Communications

- Card from Tink and Joe Bolster congratulating the staff on the success of the Scheide Concert.

Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Minutes

No minutes reviewed at this meeting

