

## PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on February 25, 2021 remotely via Zoom.

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

### Public Comment

Prior to public comment, Dr. Frawley noted that there would be a 3-minute time limit for each public comment in an effort to both receive public comment but also get to the other business of the Commission. Mr. Stentz stated that there will be a community/neighborhood meeting regarding the Hilltop project in the coming weeks at which time staff from Engineering and Recreation, as well as our design consultant would be available to respond to resident inquiries.

- Erica Mosner: Princeton Community Village Resident: Stated that she was concerned by some information related to the project that was provided to neighbors of Hilltop Park by Junglien Chen and the possible changes that might be occurring at Hilltop. She hopes to get additional information about the project.
- Junglien Chen – Princeton resident. Asked several questions relating to the Hilltop Park project specifically with regards to financial implications, other park locations that might have been considered, documentation that was previously provided to Princeton's Mayor & Council and residency status of the groups that use Hilltop Park. *Discussion was held*
- Jon Durbin – Princeton resident. Mr. Durbin had no comment

### Activities Report

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

- **Summer Camps:** Ms. Paulucci provided an update on the staff's recent meeting with the Health Director at which the possibility of continued modification of our summer day camp structure was discussed. Several take-aways from the meeting included the following challenges: communal lunch areas, locker room usage with large groups of kids, and limited indoor space for large groups in case of inclement weather. Ms. Paulucci stressed that the PRD staff is committed to creating alternative opportunities for our residents this summer. Staff commented that day summer camp in 2021 will not look like what summer camp programming has looked like in the past. With regards to Teen Travel Camp, the biggest issue is the limited number of people that can safely ride on the bus due to Covid-19 restrictions. From a financial standpoint it may not be feasible to run that camp in 2021.
- **Adaptive Aquatics:** Ms. Paulucci plans to develop an adaptive aquatics program for CP Pool, but this type of program will require the instructor to be in close proximity to the participant. Because of this, it is unlikely that the new adaptive swim program will begin in 2021. Ms. Paulucci expressed the importance of teaching water safety skills to our adaptive/special needs community and that she is fully committed to launching the program as soon as possible.

## Corner House Student Board

- No Corner House report

## Director's Report

- Mr. Stentz reported on the following:
  - **Rising Professional of the Year Award:** Ms. Paulucci received this award yesterday (virtually) at the annual New Jersey Recreation and Park Association conference. This is a state-wide award. There will be an in-person ceremony in May in Summit, NJ. Mr. Stentz expressed great pride in Ms. Paulucci receiving this prestigious award.
  - **Maintenance Staff:** Mr. Stentz recognized the maintenance staff for 80+ hours of snow removal since 1/31/21.
  - **Office Hours:** PRD offices will be re-opened to the public for some limited hours starting the week of March 8 with full-time opening beginning on 3/22/21.
  - **Program Fee Adjustments:** Staff will bring fee adjustments to March Commission meeting. With minimum wage continuing to rise in NJ, we will need to adjust fees on some programs accordingly.
  - **Program Supervisor Position:** The job opening has been posted. Deadline to apply is 3/7/21.
  - **CP Pool:** An email blast was sent out several weeks ago via CommunityPass about the upcoming pool season and the need to delay registration for the time being until there is more certainty with regards to this summer's operation. Staff imagines that we will be able to, at the very least, open the pool in a capacity similar to 2020. The current plan is to open on schedule (Memorial Day weekend) and we have been in touch with our Health Director to discuss. The opening of the spray pad at MMP has also been discussed and our Health Director is of the opinion that we may be able to open that location in 2021.
  - **Seasonal Staff Hiring:** Seasonal employment applications will be available on 3/1/21 for seasonal maintenance, pool customer service and lifeguard/swim instructor. The youth summer programming hiring will be delayed until we have a better idea of our needs for staffing in that area. All applications will be available on our website and individuals can submit their application directly via the web.

## Old Business

- **Hilltop Project:** Mr. Stentz, Mr. Moorhead and municipal engineer, Deanna Stockton had a recent meeting with three members of the Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC) to discuss the status of this project. PEC would like to be a part of the conversation for selecting the synthetic turf and infill materials for the project. Mr. Stentz emphasized that we will need that product to be both durable and environmentally friendly, and that cost will be a factor to consider. PRD and Engineering Staff will appear at the 3/24/21 PEC meeting for a courtesy review and then in front of the Planning Board on 4/1/21 for a courtesy review. In addition, there will be a community meeting for feedback at a date yet to be determined.

### New Business

- **2021 Trust Reserve improvement projects Request:**
  - Ms. Germaine made motion a motion to approve the Trust Reserve request, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved.
- **Princeton Tennis Program Lease Agreement**
  - Dr. Cahill made a motion to recommend the PTP Lease Agreement to Mayor & Council for final approval, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved.
- **Award of 2021 Sodium Hypochlorite Service for CP Pool**
  - Mr. Koontz made a motion to award Buckman's, Inc. the 2021 Sodium Hypochlorite contract, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.

### Communications

*Communications shared in agenda packet*

### Approval of Minutes

- Mr. Koontz moved the minutes, seconded by Dr. Cahill and approved.

### Approval of Bills

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

### Next Meeting Date

*March 25, 2021*