

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on June 22, 2023, in the Princeton Community Room, 400 Witherspoon Street.

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

Adequate Notice

Public Comment

No public comment.

Corner House Student Board

No Corner House Student Board report.

Activities Report

No further activity updates beyond what was reported in the agenda packet.

Director's Report

Mr. Moorhead reported on the following:

- **Men's Basketball League:** The 34th season of the men's summer basketball league kicked off the week of 6/12/23. The weather caused the league to move indoors on a couple of occasions already, but the games were still able to take place.
- **Bluefish Swim Team:** The season started with afternoon practices but had recently changed over to morning practices. Swimming meets will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are about 250 participants for the swim team, and roughly 45 participants for the dive team. The weather has suppressed turnout thus far, with reduced water temperatures and thunderstorms.
- **CP Pool Update:** The pool opened on 5/27/23. Pool membership and daily admission card (DAC) sales have lagged last season's figures, due in part to the adverse weather conditions this year. At the May meeting, concern was expressed about lifeguard staffing and an inability to fill all available shifts. Those concerns have mostly been alleviated. It is a young staff, and as they have been gaining experience, they have become more comfortable taking on additional shifts.
- **Day Camp:** For five of the six camp weeks, registration is between 75-85 campers. The other week has around 100 campers. The staff and parent orientation took place on 6/11/23, and the first day of camp is slated for 6/26/23. Teen Travel Camp will start the week of 7/10/23.
- **Park Updates:** The Mary Moss spray pad opened Memorial Day Weekend. There was a maintenance issue, so parts had to be rush-ordered. Additional maintenance issues arose, which require further attention. The spray pad is operational, but some of the features are currently disabled. Mr. Koontz asked how the controls (solenoids) work within the spray pad system and why they needed to be replaced. Mr. Moorhead responded that the solenoids force the system to open and close different parts of the spray pad, so that different ports fire water through

them, within a 2-minute cycle. Several of the solenoids have become stuck in either the open or closed position. *Discussion was held.*

- **Mercer at Play @ Hilltop Park:** Batting cage construction is underway. The playground is set to be torn down later this month, and equipment for the new playground should be arriving within the same window of time. The demolition, disposal and installation of the new equipment should be about a three-week process. After that is completed, the surfacing contractor will come in and pour the rubberized surface. The asphalt pathway will still need to be repaired, and the Engineering Department is going to be obtaining those quotes.
- **Pickleball Update:** The pickleball courts were opened for Memorial Day Weekend. A similar arrangement is planned for the July 4th Weekend, as well. Mr. Koontz is working on crafting the confidential memo that will be presented to the Mayor and Council before the August deadline. This memo will signal the Commission's intention not to renew the contract with Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) as it currently stands.

Old Business

- **CP South Design Project Update:** Mr. Koontz stated that he asked Mr. Moorhead to add the CP South Design Project to the Commission meeting agenda for the foreseeable future, even if the Commission does not plan to talk about it. Given the interest in the project, members of the public may wish to attend future meetings to hear about updates and to provide feedback about the project as it develops. The most-recent public engagement meeting was held on 6/8/23. The consultant, Joe Perello, presented the concept plans and then allowed the public the opportunity to provide feedback, both verbal and written. The feedback form was posted to the project website and the time to provide feedback was extended by one week. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 6/27/23. Dr. Nosker asked when the four concept plans would be narrowed down, so that the Commission could make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Moorhead responded that he expects that process to take place over the summer, and that would be the task of the Steering Committee and Recreation Commission. *Discussion was held.*

New Business

- **Commemorative Brick Program – Pricing & Purpose:** Mr. Moorhead proposed that the Brick Program be reinstated, and that the proceeds from brick sales be run through the Princeton Area Community Foundation and earmarked for the scholarship fund. This will help to offset the cost of program registrations and pool memberships for financial aid recipients. Mr. Burt asked what the proposed cost would be for each brick sold. Mr. Moorhead responded that it would be \$150 for a 4"x8" brick, and \$300 for an 8"x8" brick. *Discussion was held.* **Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the reinstatement of the Commemorative Brick Program, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.**
- **New Program – Adaptive Yoga Half-Day Program:** A new summer camp program was proposed for the afternoons, after the extended school year program, for members of the adaptive community. The same instructor from the weekly yoga programming would be utilized. The cost would be \$300 for each week of camp, and a parent/guardian/aide would be required to attend with each participant. Dr. Nosker asked if financial assistance would be made available to anyone who applied, to offset the cost of the program. Mr. Moorhead responded that financial assistance would be made available in the same fashion as cases are handled for pool

memberships and other recreation programming. *Discussion was held.* Mr. Young made a motion to approve the creation of this new program, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.

- **Reserve Trust Purchase – New Pool Vacuum:** One of the two pool vacuums is beyond repair. Mr. Moorhead has proposed that a replacement vacuum be purchased to match the newer vacuum already in use at the pool. Quotes are being received, and the cost would be somewhere around \$7,000. Mr. Koontz asked how close the cost of the new vacuum would be to that \$7,000 figure that is being quoted. Mr. Moorhead responded that the initial quote was for \$6,900. *Discussion was held.* Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pool vacuum (not to exceed \$8,000) out of the Reserve Trust, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.

Communications

Communications were shared in the agenda packet.

Approval of Minutes

- **May 16, 2023:** Mr. Young made a motion to approve the 5/16/23 minutes, seconded by Mr. Burt and approved.

Approval of Bills

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

Next Meeting Date

July 27, 2023