

PRINCETON BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was held on July 27, 2023, in the Princeton Community Room, 400 Witherspoon Street.

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

- **Bluefish Swim Team:** The Bluefish Swim Team recently wrapped up another undefeated season. Both the swim and dive teams won the PASDA Championships.
- **Men's Basketball League:** The men's summer basketball league has entered the playoffs, with the semifinals scheduled for 7/28/23. Dr. Nosker asked what the quality of competition and talent was in the league these days. Mr. Moorhead responded that the quality is very good, but perhaps not quite to the level that it was at in the 1990's. This is due in part to the league no longer being certified by the NCAA for current Division 1 athletes. *Discussion was held.*
- **Day Camp and Teen Travel Camp:** Day Camp is in its 5th week and Teen Travel Camp in its 3rd week. Both camps will conclude the week of 7/31/23. Travel Camp has mostly been at capacity, and numbers for Day Camp have been between 90-110 campers each week. The lunch option has been provided through the Pool's concessionaire, with snacks supplemented by Send Hunger Packing Princeton (SHUPP). Ms. Germaine asked how the transportation from ESY to camp has been so far. Mr. Moorhead responded that there were a few hiccups in the first couple of days, but that those had been ironed out. Campers have been coming on one bus from each of the ESY school sites, which has worked out very well. *Discussion was held.*
- **Community Night Out:** Community Night Out will take place on 8/1/23 from 5-8pm. There will be free pool admission that evening. All the activities will take place in the Municipal Building Parking Lot at 400 Witherspoon Street.
- **CP Pool Update:** Pool membership is lagging 140 members behind where it was in 2022. The weather has not been as favorable as it was last year. There have already been twelve thunder delays so far this year, whereas there were only two thunder delays by this same time last year.

Daily Admission Card (DAC) transactions are down as well. A water bill recently came in, which was much higher than usual. The staff has not seen any signs of a leak anywhere, between the pumps, filters, etc., but that is something that will have to be investigated further with the water company and at the pool facility. *Discussion was held.*

- **Mercer at Play @ Hilltop Park:** Batting cage construction has been completed. The playground equipment has been installed, and the rubberized surface is in the process of being poured. This should be completed in the next few days. Ms. Germaine asked if the excessive heat would impact the curing process of the rubberized surface. Mr. Marroli stated that the rubberized surface can only be poured in warmer weather, so the heat should not negatively impact the curation process of the playground surface. *Discussion was held.*
- **Contract with Princeton Tennis Program (PTP):** Mr. Koontz crafted the confidential memo signaling the Commission's intention not to roll-over the contract with Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) as it currently stands. That has gone to legal counsel and is on the agenda for a closed session council meeting on 8/1/23. If approved, the council would direct legal counsel to issue that memorandum to PTP, informing them of the non-renewal. A new contract would then be drawn up and added to the agenda of a future council meeting for approval.

Old Business

- **CP South Design Project Update:** The steering committee has narrowed down the list of viable concept plans from four to two. Further discussions and tweaking to the current plans will be had. The two concepts will be uploaded to the project website, so that the public can view them prior to the next round of public meetings. The next public meeting is scheduled for the Recreation Commission Meeting on 9/28/23. The project consultant will return for that meeting. The revised design concepts have taken into consideration the feedback from the last public meeting, so the two concept plans will have some modifications from the plans previously presented to the Commission. This meeting would serve as a final opportunity for the Commission and members of the public to provide input before the concept plans are finalized and presented to Council.

New Business

- No New Business.

Communications

Aside from the communications shared in the agenda packet, Mr. Koontz mentioned that an emphasis should be placed on a clear explanation of the testing requirements and some delicacy in delivering news of a failed test when lifeguards administer swim tests (required for youth under 11 to use the dive well/slide). Mr. Koontz added that further consideration should be given to increasing the number of shaded areas offered at the CP Pool Complex.

Approval of Minutes

- There were no minutes to approve.

Approval of Bills

- **Dr. Nosker made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved.**

Next Meeting Date

August 24, 2023