

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF PRINCETON
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009

The Princeton Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting met in regular session in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 306 Main Street, on February 5, 2009.

The following Commission Members were present: Michelle Keefe, Teresa Noble, Chad Larson, Tonya Jones and Kyle Ackerman. Absent Commission Members were: Debbie Hamby, and Yvonne Moore. The following staff members were present: Cathy Dunkel, Economic Development, and Lee Lawrence, City Administrator.

Michelle Keefe, Vice-chairperson, called the meeting to Order at 7:01. Ms. Keefe gave roll call and certified that a quorum was present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

“Discussion and possible approval of the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2009.”

Teresa Noble moved to accept the minutes as written. Chad Larson made the second and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

1. “Discussion and possible approval to nominate a Chairman for the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board.” Teresa Noble nominated Tonya Jones. Tonya Jones nominated Chad Larson. A vote was taken with Chad Larson receiving four votes and

Tonya Jones receiving one vote. Chad Larson is the new Chairman for the Princeton Parks & Recreation Board.

RESIGNATION FROM SECRETARY POSITION

2. “Discussion and possible approval to accept Yvonne Moore’s resignation as the Secretary to the Princeton Parks and Recreation.” Kyle Ackerman moved to accept Ms. Moore’s resignation as Secretary. Michelle Keefe made the second, the resignation was accepted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT FOR SECRETARY

3. “Discussion and possible approval to appoint a Secretary for the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board.” Kyle Ackerman nominated Tonya Jones. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken and Tonya Jones was appointed Secretary unanimously.

TOURNAMENT FEES FOR THE PRINCETON YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

4. “Discussion, possible approval and recommendation to City Council to waive the Princeton Youth Sports Association league tournament fees.” Michelle Keefe stepped down from the Board for this item, as she is a member of the PYSA Board.

Mike Tweton and Chris Glover addressed the Board. Mr. Tweton expressed to the Board that PYSA does not realize any profit from PYSA softball and baseball. A fee schedule was presented for the Board to view. Mr. Tweton stated that the Princeton PSYA fees to play ball were already higher than most surrounding cities of the same size. The cost of tournament fees would have to be passed on to the participants.

Tonya Jones asked how many tournaments were expected to be held, and how many teams would be at each tournament. There was discussion with Mr. Lawrence about the impact of waiving the fees. Mr. Lawrence stated that it cost about \$3000 for clean up and maintenance of the fields. Mr. Tweton and Mr. Glover stated that at this time they do not know the exact number of tournaments that would be held.

Chad Larson asked Mr. Tweton if a reduced fee would help at all. Mr. Tweton stated that PYSA would still lose money, thus the request to waive the fees all together.

Kyle Ackerman moved to table this item until PYSA could provide the number of tournaments and teams to play. Second was made by Chad Larson. The motion carried unanimously and the item was table until next month.

PARKVIEW HEIGHTS PARK DONATION

5. “Discussion and possible action to name the one (1) acre donated park from Parkview Heights subdivision. Several options were discussed. It was decided that we should name the park after the donors. Michelle Keefe moved to name the park L C Park, with a notation on the sign that it was donated by Lemley/Copeland developers. Second was made by Teresa Noble made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND FROM LAKE LAVON CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5. “Discussion and possible action regarding an application to lease land(Twin Groves) for public park and recreation from Lake Lavon Corps of Engineers.”

Cathy Dunkel advised that she had spoken to Mr. Murphy regarding the application to lease this land for \$1. Mr. Lawrence explained some of the plans for

funding and stated that staff is getting data together and needed input from the Board whether or not to proceed.

Teresa Noble moved to proceed with gathering data and to prepare the application, and to revisit this item in the future when more information was available. Kyle Ackerman made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

EQUIPMENT DONATION

6. “Discuss and possible approval to donate the Princeton Park and Recreation golf cart to Black Land Prairie Raptor Center at Lake Lavon. “ Mr. Lawrence advised the Board that the City has an old golf cart which is in very bad condition and is of no use to the City. Black Land Prairie Raptor Center has a volunteer who believes he can repair it, and they can get some use out of it. The City of Princeton has no need for the cart; it’s useless in its current condition and is taking up storage space. It would appropriate for us to donate it to another nonprofit organization.

Kyle Ackerman moved to donate the golf cart to Black Land. Second was made by Tonya Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

TEXAS PARK & WILDLIFE GRANT

7. “Status report on the Outdoor Recreation Grant through the Texas Parks & Wildlife.” Status report was presented by Lee Lawrence. He stated that no funding was received through the first application. We have now resubmitted the application with added information regarding local donations, contributions and letters of cooperation from the ISD. He stated that this application looks promising.

PRINCETON COMMUNITY PARK/POW CAMP BRIDGE

8. “Status report on the construction bids to repair the bridge at the entrance of the Princeton Community Park/POW Camp.” The City has received the specs and a bid for \$81,000 for the bridge. We have \$43,000 in FEMA funds to go towards the bridge project. The City will be taking bids, however, do not expect to receive a better price than the \$81,000 which has been quoted. The Board will receive more information at the next meeting.

Report Agenda

1. City Staff

- Donate a Ping Pong Table

Yvonne Moore would like to donate a ping pong table to be used in the party room behind the concession at the Park. The City will pick it up.

- Collin Co. Community Services

Saturday, February 21, 2009, will be the first Saturday to receive the help at the Park from people in the community who have community service time to complete. Participants will receive information from the different agencies in Collin County.

- Repairs to the existing restrooms

Cathy Dunkel gave an update on the repairs being made to the existing restroom at the Park.

- Concession Stand and Restroom Combo

City Council authorized Tim Morris to do the engineering on the parking lot. The City staff will be meeting the civil engineers next Friday to begin work on the project. Texas Parks & Wildlife will not force all the electrical to be underground. Any existing

electrical can remain above ground, and any new electrical will be required to be underground. The poles from College Street will be able to remain as is and this will be a savings on the project of approximately \$150,000. Mr. Lawrence would like to see all the electrical within the park underground, if it is affordable. Sprinkler heads have been located at the fields, and staff is looking into hydro mulching.

- Auction for used equipment.

Chad Larson provided information about getting used equipment for the concession from auctions that he has access to. The City can buy items such as freezers, tables, etc., at a large savings.

- Next meeting: March 5, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Teresa Noble moved to adjourn. Kyle Ackerman made the second. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.