MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF PRINCETON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING REGULAR SESSION – APRIL 2, 2009

The Princeton Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met in a regular session in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 306 Main Street, on April 2, 2009.

The following Board Members were present: Chad Larson, Michelle Keefe, Yvonne Moore, Kyle Ackerman, and Tonya Jones. Absent Board Members were: Teresa Noble and Debbie Hamby. The following staff member was present: Cathy Dunkel, Economic Development.

Chad Larson called the meeting to Order at 7:05 pm. Mr. Larson called roll and certified that a quorum was present. Ms. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible approval of the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2009. Michelle Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes. Kyle Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

TOURNAMENT FEES FOR THE PRINCETON YOUTH SPORTS ASSOC.

Discussion and possible approval of making a recommendation to City Counsel to waive tournament fees for PYSA:

- Chris Glover, Softball Tournament Commissioner for PYSA and Michelle Keefe spoke on behalf of PYSA. They stated that PYSA cannot afford to pay the tournament dues.
- Cathy Dunkel provided a memo detailing the history of the financial relationship between the City of Princeton and PYSA dating back to 2003. Based on this information in 2003 the City of Princeton:

1) Waived the tournament fee,

2) Lowered utility cost to 10% of the actual bill, and

3) Lowered each participant's fee to $2.00 (Two Dollars and No/100)

In 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 the City of Princeton waived tournament fees for PYSA.

- After discussing the contract between PYSA and the City of Princeton, Tonya Jones made a motion not to recommend the waiver of tournament fees for PYSA to the City Counsel. Yvonne Moore seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed not to recommend waiver of the fees to the City Counsel based on the following factors: 1) PYSA and the City of Princeton entered into a contract which was not being honored. The tournament fee had been waived for 6 consecutive years for PYSA, along with discounted utility bills and participation fees, and 2) the cost the City of Princeton is incurring in repairing the park.

NAMING OF PARK IN PARKVIEW HEIGHTS

Discussion, possible approval and recommendation to the City Council of names for the park in Parkview Heights:

- Chad Larson made a motion to name the park "Heights Park". Kyle Ackerman seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend that the City Counsel name the park in Parkview Heights "Heights Park".

LEASE LAND FROM LAKE LAVON CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Discussion regarding lease of land - Twin Groves. Cathy Dunkel presented the following information concerning the lease: 1) This is a 99 year lease, 2) The land would be leased for $1.00 (One Dollar and No/100) a year with no additional fees, cost or assessments attached to the lease, 3) the City of Princeton would be responsible for upkeep of the land and any structures attached.

- The Board requested Cathy Dunkel provide additional information with this. No Action Taken.

2009 COLLIN COUNTY PROJECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Discussion, possible action, and recommendation to the City Counsel to apply for the 1st Series – 2007 Bond for park improvement – Princeton Community Park/P.O.W. Camp. This is a matching fund program. Application must be submitted by July 7, 2009.

- Michelle Keefe made a motion to recommend that the City Counsel apply for the 1st Series – 2007 Bond. Yvonne Moore seconded the motion. The Board agreed to recommend that the City Counsel apply for the 1st Series – 2007 Bond.

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE RECREATION TRAIL GRANT

Discussion, possible action, and a recommendation to City counsel to apply for the 2009 Recreation Trail Grant. This is a reimbursement program. The dollar amount is $200,000. The City of Princeton must match the funds granted.

- Michelle Keefe made a motion to recommend to the City Counsel that the 2009 Recreation Trail Grant be applied for by the City of Princeton. Kyle Ackerman seconded the motion. The Board agreed to recommend that the City Counsel approve the City of Princeton applying for the 2009 Recreation Trail Grant.

PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Cathy Dunkel provided a status report on improvements for Princeton Community Park/P.O.W. Camp.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Parks Improvement Fee has $3,500 (Thee Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and NO/100).

Report Items:

- Community Service

  Cathy Dunkel reported that the City of Princeton is working with Collin County's Adult Probation Department by allowing Offenders to complete the community service part of their probation by cleaning the parks in Princeton. The next cleaning was scheduled for April 4, 2009.

- 2009 Spring Festival

  Cathy Dunkel reported that the 2009 Spring Onion Festival was scheduled for April 25, 2009 at the Princeton High School. She invited the Board to attend.

- Princeton's Annual Spring City-Wide Clean Up Days

  It was noted that Friday, May 16th and Saturday May 17th are the City-Wide clean up days.

- Next Meeting

  The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th.

Adjournment:

Kyle Ackerman made a motion that the Parks Board meeting of April 2, 2009 be adjourn. Yvonne Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 19th day of May 2009.

Chad Larson, Acting Chairman

Tonya Jones, Secretary