

# March 2, 2009 Princeton Park District Meeting Minutes

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT MARCH 2, 2009

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Englehart at 4:30 p.m. at the Bureau County Metro Center, Princeton, Illinois.

### ROLL CALL:

Present were Commissioners Gene Englehart, Jan Milles, Carl Pacunas, and Wayne Stone. Also present were Executive Director, Elaine Russell; Superintendent of Parks, Keith Scherer; Administrative Assistant, Tammy Lange; Secretary, DeAnn Underwood, and Attorney Bob Russell. Commissioner Dick Volker was absent.

Present in the audience were Donna Barker, Maria Borri, Bob Halberg, Tom Hall, Kevin Heitz, and Lindsay Welbers.

### PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

None.

### OPEN DISCUSSION:

Nothing was presented.

### APPROVAL OF HAND WRITTEN CHECKS:

A list of hand written checks, in the amount of \$22,388.44 was presented for the time period of February 11, 2009 through February 26, 2009 for the Metro Center and Princeton Park District. President Englehart requested a motion to approve the hand written checks in the amount of \$22,388.44. Motion was made by Commissioner Milles and seconded by Commissioner Pacunas. A voice vote was taken: ayes - all, nays - none. The motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the Release/Hold of Executive Session Minutes - President Englehart requested a motion to approve the destruction of the executive session tapes from February 5, 2007 through April 16, 2007 and the retention of all executive session minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Pacunas. A voice vote was taken: ayes - all, nays - none. The motion carried.

Skate Park Repair/Replacement - Elaine and Keith gave an update on the current condition of the skate park equipment. It was noted there are several areas in need of repair, along with possible replacement of some pieces of equipment. These issues will need to be addressed due to possible safety hazards they present. Attorney Russell stated if the equipment is defective, it could create a possible liability issue in the event someone gets injured. Elaine stated quotes on the cost for repair and/or replacement of the current equipment is being obtained from Spohn Ranch Skate Parks, the company who purchased TrueRide, who originally manufacturer the equipment. A second quote is being obtained from Modular Skate Parks. The current budget does not include any money for skate park repairs. It was noted possible causes for the damage may be due to bike usage. The signage posted at the park states no bikes are allowed.

Elaine also reviewed with the Board the closing of the gate to the roadway leading to the skate park late last summer due to vandalism. The Board discussed the possibility of keeping the gate closed when damage or disruption in the area occur. If there is a rental at the shelter, the gate would be opened during that time period only. It was the consensus of the Board to continue keeping the gate closed; however, people can walk back to use the skate park.

Attendance for Legislative Conference, Springfield, IL May 5-6, 2009 - Elaine stated she, Commissioner Englehart, Commissioner Volker, and Tammy Lange would be attending the 2009 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield on May 5th & 6th. Any other commissioners interested in attending need to contact Elaine or Tammy.

Approve \$400 investment in PPD Foundation Fundraiser

