

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT
MARCH 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Andy Marti at 5:00 p.m. at the Bureau County Metro Center, Princeton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Commissioners Andy Marti, Abbie Cochran, Dennis Nink, Brandon Nyman, and Les Youngren. Also present were Executive Director, Tammy Lange; Assistant Director & Recreation Superintendent, Nick Davis; and Attorney Bob Russell.

Present in the audience were Jack May and Andrew Jolly.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Marti requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2025. Motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Nink. A voice vote was taken: ayes – all, nays – none. The motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Nothing was presented.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

A list of bills due and payable for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$14,736.85 and for the Princeton Park District in the amount of \$7,580.34 was presented for the time period of February 18, 2025 to March 17, 2025, and handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$21,153.23 and Princeton Park District in the amount of \$3,591.31 for the time period of February 18, 2025 through February 28, 2025, and handwritten checks for the Bureau County Metro Center in the amount of \$2,720.61 for the time period of March 1, 2025 through March 17, 2025, as well as Business Visa Card for February 2025 in the amount of \$8,023.48. President Marti requested a motion to approve all the Bureau County Metro Center and Princeton Park District claims for a total amount of \$57,805.82. Motion was made by Commissioner Nink and seconded by Commissioner Nyman. A voice vote was taken: ayes – all; nays – none. The motion carried.

The Fiscal 2024/2025 Revenue/Expense Totals by Month Report was reviewed. The total amount for February 2025 was \$111,260.15.

The Board reviewed the February 2025 Financial Statements for the Corporate Fund, Metro Center Enterprise Fund, and the Recreational Program Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack May – Requested to Speak to the PPD Board – Jack May provided a handout to the Princeton Park District Board and spoke regarding the concerns he has when softball games are played at Westside Ball Park. President Marti thanked Jack for taking the time to attend the board meeting and speaking to the Board.

Presentation and Review of the 2024 Elmer Zearing Trust Farm – Andrew Jolly of Heartland Bank, Agricultural Services Farm Manager II – Andrew Jolly reviewed with the Board the 2024 Farm Report for the Elmer Zearing Trust #2. He anticipates the plan for the 2025 crop year to be similar to 2024. Currently 75% of the 2024 crop has been sold, with plans to sell the remaining grain in June. After discussing with Tammy the need for a more consistent dollar amount being received for budgeting purposes, the goal will be for a distribution of \$50,000 to \$55,000 of net income each year. The Board thanked Andrew for attending the board meeting.

Discussion/Review of Metro Center Rules for Indoor Track Use – Tammy discussed with the Board the current indoor Track Rules and the possible change to the rules to include Jr. High School Students, age 12 years and older. The current Jr. High Weight Training Class offered by the BCMC provides students the training on proper use and etiquette of the weight room, TRX room and cardio room. The suggestion is to include the indoor track as well. Identifier wristbands are worn to signify an individual has successfully completed the training. Younger youth would still need to be accompanied by an adult and kept within arm's length while on the track. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to include the indoor track to those Jr. High School Students, age 12 years and older, who have completed the required training. The revised indoor Track Rules will be presented to the Board at the next Regular Meeting.

July 4th 2025 Event at Zearing Park/Partnership with the Princeton Chamber of Commerce/City of Princeton – Tammy stated the first meeting has taken place for the July 4th Event and the same schedule will be used as last year. The food truck vendors will start serving at 4:00 p.m., the band will play from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., followed by the fireworks show. The City of Princeton is donating \$10,000 toward this event.

Invitation to attend the 2025 Illinois Association of Park District Legislative Parks Day at the Capital and Conference in Springfield, April 29th & 30th, 2025 – Tammy noted she and Nick will be attending the IAPD 2025 Legislative Reception and Conference in Springfield, IL on April 29th & 30th. If you are interest in attending, please let Tammy know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the IDNR Grant – Tammy stated she and Nick had a conference call with Dan Pepin from Community Funding and Planning Services, to discuss the IDNR & Princeton Park District OSLAD Agreement. The agreement has been signed and returned to Dan to be sent to the IDNR. Once the agreement is signed by IDNR and returned to the park district, a meeting with Pat Puebla from Play Structures, Dan Pepin, and the park district staff will be set. Any board member wanting to be a part of the meeting is welcomed. It was noted Dan will assist with the reports and financial documents needing to be filed thru the entire construction process.

Consolidated Election Coming Up – April 1, 2025 – Tammy reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election on April 1, 2025. The Board has two openings, with only one petition filed. Andy Marti will not be seeking another term. Dennis Nink is seeking re-election. Following the April election, the Board will need to appoint an individual to fill the vacant position, so please be thinking of possible candidates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Board reviewed and accepted the following report:

- Superintendent of Parks/Maintenance
- Assistant Director/Recreation – Nick stated the decision has been made to transition to Vermont Systems RecTrac for the new software program.
- Front Desk Supervisor/Rentals

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director's Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:10 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Marti and seconded by Commissioner Nyman to adjourn. A roll call was taken: ayes – all; nays – none. The motion carried.

Andrew D. Marti, President

Brandon Nyman, Secretary