

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
PRINCETON BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT MEETING
November 1, 2007

A special meeting of Township Committee and Princeton Borough Council was held on this date at 6:45 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the report on the Joint Recreation Master Plan.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the following statement.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of a written notice. On October 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and the Town Topics, and filed with the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present for Township Committee: Mayor Marchand, Mrs. Bergman and Messrs. Goerner, Liverman (6:55 p.m.) and Miller.

Absent: None.

Present for Borough Council: Mayor Trotman, Mrs. Karcher (7:13 p.m) and Messers Goldfarb, Koontz (7:20 p.m.) and Martindell.

Absent: Mesdames Benchley and Trelstadt.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BID AWARD

-2008 CASE 621-E Wheel Loader or Equal: Trico Equipment, Inc., Vineland, NJ based on its bid amount of \$139,550.00

Mr. Kiser reviewed with Township Committee the information regarding this bid award noting that the award had been tabled from the October 22, 2007 Township Committee meeting. Mr. Miller thanked staff for the emails that answered his questions.

Mr. Miller then offered a motion authorizing the bid award for the 2008 CASE 621-E Wheel Loader or Equal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

PRINCETON PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Preliminary Findings and Public Input Summary

Jack Roberts, Director of Recreation welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Roberts welcomed Pat Hoagland and Wayne Bain from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. who prepared the preliminary report and who would be making the presentation to the governing bodies at this meeting. Mr. Roberts also recognized the steering committee that worked on this project.

Mr. Hoagland began by saying that people in Princeton are passionate about their parks and that the public officials need to understand what they've heard from people during their study. He used a power point presentation as part of his discussion.

Mr. Hoagland said that the project goal was to develop a long-term, prioritized, capital facilities and operations plan based upon an assessment of needs. They tried to determine gaps in service, unmet recreation demand, new facility and program needs and funding and operations alternatives.

The planning process involved an inventory and evaluation of facilities and programs, a review of previous studies and plans, extensive public participation, benchmarks to similar park systems, establishing future "vision", recommendations, and preparation of a prioritized capital improvement plan with action plan.

The citizen participation process included two public workshops, 36 stakeholder meetings, and a statistically valid survey mailed to 2500 households.

Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Bain then addressed the next steps that included recommended solutions with further analysis, a steering committee priority ranking, and an action plan and reports.

There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of the loss of Princeton University facilities.

Mr. Pascale said that it would be great to have a list of priorities as financing will be an issue. Mr. Goerner suggested that the group meet with the Sidewalk and Bikeway Advisory Committee for their input.

Mr. Koontz said that there should be established needs and desires of the community with the appropriate costs.

Mayor Marchand asked whether the school facilities had been involved with the study? Mr. Roberts said that John Miranda, had been involved in the conversation.

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Mr. Roberts reminded the governing bodies that this was an interim report and that the final report is probably four to five months away.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk