



151 Martin Street
Birmingham, Mi 48009
248-530-1800
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Welcome Student Representatives**
- III. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, February 4, 2014(*regular meeting*)**
- IV. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
 - 1. City of Birmingham Park Signs
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Parks and Recreation Roster
 - 2. 2014 In The Park Concert Series
 - 3. Kenning Park Plan received by City Commission on March 24, 2014
 - 4. Birmingham Golf Courses article Birmingham Eccentric, March 16, 2014
 - 5. 2014-2015 Budget Proposed Capital Projects
 - 6. Schedule Joint meeting with City Commission and Parks and Recreation Board to discuss park project priorities (TBD)-verbal
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2014(DPS) *“Special Election on May 6, 2014”***
- X. Adjournment**

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parks & Recreation Board of Birmingham will help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2014

Therese Longe, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS, Jacky Brito, Golf Course Manager and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Dorothy Conrad and Cindy Rose

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Art Stevens that the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 7 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Agenda Item #1 – Golf Report -2013 Review – 2014 Prospectus

Jacky reviewed the golf report in its entirety. Jacky stated overall the golf courses had a great year. The memberships stayed steady with the reduction of the membership fees. Jacky stated that an additional five unlimited golf passes were sold over the seven that were sold the previous year. Jacky stated that the City of Birmingham will have a booth at the 2014 Novi Golf Show.

Jacky stated that outerwear sells well and that Lincoln Hills is ideal for selling merchandise. Jacky stated that children outerwear will be offered for the 2014 golf season.

Jacky stated that the sales of food and beverages increased. Jacky stated that menu will be updated for the golf courses.

Jacky stated that the Junior Golf program was successful.

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Jacky stated that the events were very successful. The events held on Friday nights were affected by the bad weather.

Dominic asked about the cell tower revenue that was reported in the golf report. Lauren stated she would verify were the cell phone revenue is being reported.

Jacky continued through the golf report explaining the upcoming marketing plan and ways to increase participation and increase food and beverage sales.

John asked Jacky if she has considered contacting the local health clubs regarding golf course memberships.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

Therese asked for a motion to add an agenda Item to the current agenda.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Art Stevens to add Agenda Item #3 City Parks –Project Summaries

Yeas – 7 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

**Agenda Item #2 – Comments received regarding Kenning Park Master Plan
Comments regarding Kenning Park Master Plan were presented at the meeting.**

No action was required by the board.

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Agenda Item #3 – City Parks –Project Summaries

Lauren presented to the parks board the future park projects scheduled. Lauren stated that these projects were presented at the City Commission Long Range Planning Session.

No action was required by the board.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on March 4, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

SUBJECT: City of Birmingham Park Signs

The department received bids for the purchase, design and installation of twenty-two (22) City of Birmingham Park signs which will be installed in the City of Birmingham parks. There were eight (8) bids received and upon further review of the bids and verification of references the city has chosen Signs by Crannie.

Below are the bids that were received:

Name of Company:	Total Bid Amount:
Superior Play	\$61,960.17
Superior Play (alternative Bid)	\$58,757.07
CSI Signs	\$52,056.37
MLS Signs	\$48,831.39
WCI Contractors	\$44,130.00
Graph-X	\$43,155.00
Universal Signs	\$29,542.46
Signs by Crannie	\$28,990.00

The signs will include the following information:

- City of Birmingham logo
- Park Name
- Hours
- No alcohol beverages allowed
- Dogs allowed w/leash
 - Please pick up after your pet
- Use of the facility is at your own risk
- For a list of Park Rules and Regulations visit www.bhamgov.org

Further features will include pictogram symbols on the signs indicating the particular recreation activity for those parks that have a variety of activities and or facilities.

Attached is a sample of what the park sign will look like. The department is requesting from the Parks and Recreation Board members any other additional information that they would like to see on the park signs.

The department is not recommending that the thirty (30) Parks Rules and Regulations be placed on the sign. The department is taking a positive approach on this project by welcoming users to our parks instead of cluttering the parks signs with the word "No".

Dollars have been budgeted in the capital projects fund for the fiscal year 2013-2014 for this project in the amount of \$30,000.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To recommend the City Commission approve of the purchase, design and installation of twenty-two (22) City of Birmingham Parks signs to Signs by Crannie in the amount not to exceed \$28,990.



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Color Option C



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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Article II, Section 78

Seven members, Three-year Terms, Appointed by the City Commission

Meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business Fax E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Cross 160 Pleasant	Alex	(248) 425-4467 <i>ajc31@att.net</i>	2/11/2014 Student Representative	12/31/2014
Cusimano 1063 W. Southlawn Blvd	Scott	(248) 642-5892 <i>scanthony5@gmail.com</i>	2/11/2014 Student Representative	12/31/2014
Kaplan 635 Oak	Ross	(248) 645-6526 <i>rkaplan@neumannsmith.com</i>	10/22/2007	3/13/2017
Longe 1253 Yosemite	Therese	(248) 258-6744 (313) 745-0138 <i>tmquattro@gmail.com</i>	3/29/2004 Chairperson	3/13/2016
Meehan 656 Chester	John	(248) 644-5923 <i>john.meehan@att.net</i>	3/18/2002 Vice Chairperson	3/13/2017

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business Fax E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Pulis 1158 Cole	Dominick	(586) 381-5831 <i>dompulis@hotmail.com</i>	1/23/2012	3/13/2016
Ross 1872 Derby	Ryan	(248) 705-6465 <i>ryan.countryside@gmail.com</i>	5/21/2012	3/13/2015
Stevens 1243 Ruffner	Raymond	(248) 514-3740 <i>rastevens2@yahoo.com</i>	4/15/1996	3/13/2015
Wiebrecht 1714 Torry	William	(248) 703-6503 <i>billwiebrecht@wowway.com</i>	10/14/1991	3/13/2015

The City of Birmingham Presents...

2014 In The Park Summer Concerts

@ Shain Park

Wednesday Nights, 7:00 pm

June

*June 13-Band Jam
(Friday)*

June 18-Antekes

*June 25-Pianist Matthew
Ball*

July/August

July 2-The Invasion

July 9-Gratitude Steel Band

July 16-The Flutter and Wow

July 23-Steve Acho

July 30-Mainstreet Soul

August 6-Sun Messenger

August 13-The Legends Band

Concerts are cancelled
during inclement weather.

Check the concert hotline and
website for updated information
by 5:00 pm on the Wednesdays.

"Free Outdoor Concerts"

For more information on sponsorship opportunities contact Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator at (248) 530-1650 or visit www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 12, 2014

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, Interim City Manager

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Kenning Park Concept Plan

At the Long Range Planning Session on February 1, 2014, the Kenning Park concept plan was presented to the City Commission. The plan reviewed in detail is attached which also includes a Phase One site plan for Kenning Park. This overall park plan has been created as the result of public forums held on October 17, 2013 and at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 3, 2013. Enclosed you will also find estimated construction costs for the Kenning Park Master Plan and Kenning Park Parking Lot improvements. The master plan process facilitated the creation of a park plan to meet the goals of the community as they exist today.

The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the Kenning Park Concept Plan at their meeting of January 7, 2014. They endorsed the overall concept plan with the modification of adding an exterior restroom access at the concession area of the Ice Arena. This modification is reflected in the site plans dated January, 2014. The minutes from the January 7, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting are attached. Written public comments garnered throughout the master plan process are also included herewith.

While the park is highly programmed, such programming needs will continue to be re-assessed prior to any development/improvement at Kenning Park. What this concept plan does do is assist the City going forward with planning efforts, setting priorities and establishing budgets.

As you will recall, the reconstruction of the parking lot is budgeted in the amount of \$500,000 for FY 13-14. An estimated project cost is \$850,000. We are targeting reconstruction of the parking lot beginning in June, 2014. The current number of parking spaces is 101 and with the reconfiguration to 90 degree parking we anticipate a net gain of spaces. We will have these proposed counts once the bid specification and plans are finalized.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To receive and file the Kenning Park Master Plan dated January, 2014 as presented.

Communication/Discussion Item #3



TENNIS COURTS

LINCOLN AVENUE

3/4 MILE EXERCISE PATH

POLICE PISTOL RANGE

TENNIS DOME

SKATEBOARD PARK

CONCESSION AREA/
RESTROOM ACCESS

KIOSK

TENNIS DOME

SNOWMELT AREA

ICE ARENA

RESTROOMS

SHELTER

LITTLE LEAGUE DIAMOND
200' OUTFIELD

PLAY AREA

PAVILION

PICNIC AREA

OPEN SPACE
150' X 300'

SHELTER

PROTECTIVE SCREEN

SOFTBALL DIAMOND
280' OUTFIELD

LITTLE LEAGUE DIAMOND
200' OUTFIELD

LITTLE LEAGUE DIAMOND
180' OUTFIELD



KENNING PARK MASTER PLAN

January 2014



KENNING PARK PHASE ONE PLAN

January 2014

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

DATE: January 8, 2014

PROJECT: Kenning Park Master Plan

PROJECT NO: 13BRM02

STATEMENT STATUS: Concept Design

BY: Chet Hill

NOTES

1. This statement is not a guarantee of final construction costs. Unit prices represent average costs compiled from recent job costs of similar projects. Variations in material costs, labor efficiency, wage rates and union practices will affect final costs.
2. This statement of probable construction costs is based on the December, 2013 Master Plan prepared by The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio.
3. The major difference between the Master Plan and the Phase One Plan is that the Master Plan includes additional green space around the skateboard park and additional parking west of the tennis domes. The difference in cost between the two plans is represented in the column entitled “Phase One Savings” in the following table.
3. This statement does not include the following items:
 - A. Design fees
 - B. Engineering fees
 - C. Stormwater management improvements including potential detention ponds, bioswales, additional storm sewer, etc.

MASTER PLAN

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Item Total	Phase One Savings
Mobilization					
Staging, equip. movement, permits, etc.	1	LS		\$49,500.00	(\$3,100.00)
Demolition and Site Preparation					
Silt fence	970	LF	\$2.00	\$1,940.00	
Tree protection fence	1570	LF	\$4.50	\$7,065.00	
R&D asphalt parking lot pavement	20840	SF	\$0.50	\$10,420.00	(\$4,760.00)
R&D concrete pavement	965	SF	\$2.00	\$1,930.00	
R&D ball diamond fencing, etc.	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Remove and salvage bleachers	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
R&D tennis courts	1	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
Tree removal	19	EA	\$450.00	\$8,550.00	
Earthwork					
Grading incl. topsoil strip/respread	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
Fine grade, fertilize, seed	51200	SY	\$1.25	\$64,000.00	\$250.00
Parking Lot					
Asphalt pavement	29150	SF	\$3.50	\$102,025.00	(\$39,235.00)
Curb and gutter	1205	LF	\$15.00	\$18,075.00	(\$7,725.00)
Parking lot striping	1	LS	\$750.00	\$750.00	(\$375.00)
Concrete walk	1500	SF	\$4.25	\$6,375.00	(\$6,375.00)
Pavement					
8' wide asphalt walk	3748	SF	\$18.00	\$67,464.00	
Snowmelt area	1000	SF	\$15.00	\$15,000.00	
Landscaping					
Overstory trees	8	EA	\$450.00	\$3,600.00	(\$3,150.00)
Ornamental trees (play area)	11	EA	\$350.00	\$3,850.00	
Site improvements					
Tennis courts incl. pavement, fencing, color coat, tennis equip.	3	EA	\$36,500.00	\$109,500.00	
Little league diamond incl. infield, backstop, fencing, benches, reinstall bleachers	3	EA	\$40,000.00	\$120,000.00	

Statement of Probable Construction Costs
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Softball diamond incl. infield, backstop, fencing, benches, reinstall bleachers	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
20' Protective screen (pool club prop. line)	200	LF	\$20.00	\$4,000.00
Play area	1	LS	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Picnic tables	8	EA	\$600.00	\$4,800.00
Structures				
400 SF Restroom building incl. utility connections	1	EA	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
800 SF Pavilion	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
800 SF Picnic shelter	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
400 SF Ball diamond shelter	1	EA	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Concession area restroom access	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
			Total	\$1,038,844.00 (\$64,845.00)
			15% Contingency	\$155,800.00 (\$9,700.00)
			Grand Total	\$1,194,644.00 (\$74,545.00)

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

DATE: January 6, 2014

PROJECT: Kenning Park Parking Lot (revised)

PROJECT NO: 13BRM01

STATEMENT STATUS: Concept Design

BY: Tina Fix
Chet Hill

NOTES

1. This statement is not a guarantee of final construction costs. Unit prices represent average costs compiled from recent job costs of similar projects. Variations in material costs, labor efficiency, wage rates and union practices will affect final costs.
2. This statement of probable construction costs is based upon the conceptual park plan prepared by The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio dated July 15, 2013 and subsequently modified by the Kenning Park Master Plan dated December, 2013. The modifications include:
 - A. The proposed locations of the Little League ball diamonds resulted in the elimination of the parking spaces on the south side of the skateboard park.
 - B. The improvements to the parking lot located between the tennis dome and the ice arena are now included in the Kenning Park Master Plan since these improvements are more closely related to the park improvements.
3. This statement is based upon survey information dated January 17, 2005 provided by the City.
4. Items that could be deferred to reduce the initial cost of the parking lot improvements include:
 - A. 931 LF brick wall along Lincoln Avenue
 - B. 33 street lights along Lincoln Avenue
 - C. 4,785 SF concrete walk along Lincoln Avenue

The total savings realized by deferring the construction of these items totals **\$750,990.00** (including lesser mobilization fees and a lesser contingency mark-up)
4. This statement does not include the following items:
 - A. Design Fees
 - B. Engineering Fees
 - C. Installation of the concession window in the Birmingham Ice Arena.

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Item Total
Mobilization				
Staging, equip. movement, permits, etc.	1	LS		\$70,491.00
Demolition and Site Preparation				
Installation of silt fence	1475	LF	\$2.00	\$2,950.00
Installation of tree protection fence	1200	LF	\$4.50	\$5,400.00
Construction entrance Installation	1	LS	\$800.00	\$800.00
R&D asphalt parking lot pavement	95310	SF	\$0.50	\$47,655.00
R&D concrete parking lot pavement	1360	SF	\$1.00	\$1,360.00
R&D curb and gutter	146	LF	\$16.00	\$2,336.00
R&D concrete sidewalk	765	LF	\$2.00	\$1,530.00
Tree removal (2" cal.)	12	EA	\$50.00	\$600.00
Tree removal (10" cal.)	1	EA	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tree removal (12-16" cal.)	3	EA	\$300.00	\$900.00
R&D compost area walls	760	SF	\$2.50	\$1,900.00
R&D storm sewer	430	LF	\$10.00	\$4,300.00
R&D catch basins	7	EA	\$175.00	\$1,225.00
R&D manholes	3	EA	\$250.00	\$750.00
Remove bumper blocks	169	EA	\$15.00	\$2,535.00
R&D light poles in parking lot	6	EA	\$250.00	\$1,500.00
R&D light poles in R.O.W.	3	EA	\$250.00	\$750.00
R&D light fixtures on utility poles	6	EA	\$140.00	\$840.00
Remove benches and table at skate park	1	LS	\$200.00	\$200.00
Remove split rail fence	1	LS	\$250.00	\$250.00
Parking Lot				
Asphalt pavement	70000	SF	\$3.50	\$245,000.00
Curb and gutter	3813	LF	\$15.00	\$57,195.00
Parking lot striping	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sidewalk				
5' wide concrete walk	7960	SF	\$4.25	\$33,830.00
6' wide concrete walk	5340	SF	\$4.25	\$22,695.00
8' wide concrete walk	624	SF	\$4.25	\$2,652.00
Concrete pavers	135	SF	\$6.00	\$810.00
Sidewalk ramps	12	EA	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Ice Arena entrance - concrete	560	SF	\$4.25	\$2,380.00
Concession area - concrete	1800	SF	\$6.00	\$10,800.00
Shooting range - concrete	140	SF	\$4.25	\$595.00

Landscaping				
Deciduous trees	71	EA	\$550.00	\$39,050.00
Evergreen trees	9	EA	\$335.00	\$3,015.00
Flowering shrubs	6	EA	\$90.00	\$540.00
Hedge shrubs	125	EA	\$65.00	\$8,125.00
Perennial groundcover	614	SF	\$5.00	\$3,070.00
Fine grade, fertilize, seed	3300	SY	\$2.25	\$7,425.00
Flowering shrubs at south end	9	EA	\$90.00	\$810.00
Perennial groundcover at south end	595	SF	\$5.00	\$2,975.00
Walls				
Brick wall	931	LF	\$350.00	\$325,850.00
8' tall cinder block wall	118	LF	\$300.00	\$35,400.00
Guard posts	3	EA	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Site Furnishings				
Picnic tables	2	EA	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Tables	4	EA	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
Benches	2	EA	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Entry signs	7	EA	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00
Traffic signs	10	EA	\$175.00	\$1,750.00
Kiosk	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Re-install split-rail fence	265	LF	\$14.00	\$3,710.00
Reinstall benches and tables	1	LS	\$150.00	\$150.00
Lighting				
Parking lot lights	24	EA	\$7,500.00	\$180,000.00
Street lights	33	EA	\$7,500.00	\$247,500.00
Stormwater Management				
Storm sewer system	1	LS	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Irrigation				
Building entrances	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Right of way/islands	1	LS	\$10,605.00	\$10,605.00
Total				\$1,480,304.00
15% Contingency				\$222,045.60
Grand Total				\$1,702,349.60

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2014

John Meehan, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens (arrived @ 6:35 pm) and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTER: Mark Robinson, Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

GUESTS: Patricia Bordman, Dorothy Conrad and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ryan Ross that the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting be approved.

Yeas – 5 (Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, John Meehan and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Arrived Late- Art Stevens @ 6:35 pm

Agenda Item #1 – Nomination of 2014 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Bill Wiebrecht nominated Therese Longe as Chairperson; Therese accepted the nomination.

Yeas –6 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Bill Wiebrecht nominated John Meehan as Vice Chairperson; John accepted the nomination.

Yeas –6 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Agenda Item #2 – Kenning Park Concept Approval

Lauren stated that Mark Robinson from Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio is here this evening to discuss the Kenning Park Concept Plan. The Kenning Park Concept Plan will be discussed at the Long Range Planning meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at City Hall.

Mark stated that the Kenning Park Master Plan is the big picture essentially has everything that is there right now with the exception of one tennis court, plus the addition of an open space for play, i.e., soccer, open field, a much more ambitious play area for children, along with a pavilion, a walking trail and all the attendant facilities that go with that shelters, restrooms, ice melt facility and additional parking.

Mark stated the plan leaves in place the two tennis domes, the one relocation of the outdoor tennis courts and moving it across the street at the corner of Eton and Lincoln. The four fields will remain but have been pushed to the east of the park.

Mark stated that the Kenning Park Phase One Plan keeps ~~at the current times of~~ parking around the skate park facility **unchanged**.

Mark stated that the cost for the parking lot would be approximately 1.7 million for the version with the lights, landscaping and the wall by Lincoln. The remainder of the park project would be approximately 1.1 million to complete.

It was moved by Dominic Pulis, seconded by Art Stevens to endorse the overall concept plan dated December 2013, with an additional restroom facility to be added to the plan submitted herewith, prepared by John Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) for Kenning Park and forward same to the City Commission for their approval.

Yeas – 6 (Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Unfinished Business-

Bill Wiebrecht stated if **that** the board **should have** had received copies of the communications ~~from the~~ **received following the** ~~comments from the~~ Kenning Park Master Plan workshop that was held.

Connie stated that it was an oversight and that the comments that were received from the Kenning Park Master Plan workshop and were forward to John Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) and will be included in the final report to the City Commission.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on February 4, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

FW: Kenning Park Soccer Field

4 messages

Dave Palmeri <DaveP@rcwa.net>
To: Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:45 PM

Connie,

Here you go

Dave Palmeri CIC

Vice President

Ralph C. Wilson Agency, Inc.

(248) 864-7447 Off

(248) 355-9169 Fax

(248) 761-0887 Cell



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From: Dave Palmeri
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 2:57 PM
To: Ryan Ross (rymarross@comcast.net)
Subject: Kenning Park Soccer Field

Ryan,**What the heck is this???**

From: Coach Ian & Coach Andy [mailto:doug@b-ufc.ccsend.com] **On Behalf Of** Coach Ian & Coach Andy

Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 2:46 PM

To: Shefferly, Bob S.

Subject: Kenning Park Soccer Field



Message from Coach Ian & Coach Andy

October 3, 2013

United F.C. Birmingham Families,

We would like to inform you of a meeting about Kenning Park redevelopment that could have a impact on our soccer family. Please consider attending the meeting in support of soccer field development for a future location for practices and games.

Subject: Kenning Park Master Plan Workshop Meeting October

17, 6:30 PM, DPS Building 851 S. Eton

Reply-To: larry bertollini <lbertollini@att.net>

Kenning Park Master Plan Workshop Meeting

October 17, 6:30 PM, DPS Building 851 S. Eton

Dear soccer fan,

Thank you for your involvement with the sport of soccer .

I am informing the community of a very important issue - a Kenning Park master plan session scheduled October 17, 6:30 pm at the DPS building located 851 South Eton. This is open to all Birmingham residents, etc. As you can attest Kenning park is in need of basic visual enhancements to say the least. Kenning Park is located at the Birmingham Ice Arena on Lincoln Road east of Eton. I am hoping to convince the City to provide a soccer field at Kenning Park (8 vs 8).

I have included a copy of the site plan that was on display at the 2013 TCA picnic. At this point it is not the solution to the park, rather it is a tool for dialog and feedback. Obviously everyone will have new ideas and suggestions for the park. This plan incorporates the following:

Two pedestrian promenades leading to the open park behind the ice arena and tennis/ratchet club.

Reconfiguration of one of the tennis bubbles (that holds two tennis courts) to open up a sight line from the main parking lot into the park's west side children's play area.

Adding a soccer field (8 vs 8) with a walking/jogging track (recycled rubber).

Adding trails (recycled rubber) along the periphery (outer boundaries) of the park.

Reducing from four baseball fields, to two, and moving the larger baseball field towards the back of the park.

This is the only park for the Birmingham residents within the area

of Maple and Fourteen Mile, east of Woodward. Do the residents deserve more outdoor field options for exercise and sport other than baseball? It's up to us to let our ideas and expectations be known to the planners! I cannot stress this enough, please make it a point to attend all these workshops & meetings to ensure Kenning Park will evolve into a wonderful place. Thank you again for your support. We have been waiting a very long time for this opportunity!

Larry Bertollini

TCA President

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Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:49 PM

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Fwd: Kenning Park Site plan concept

1 message

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Tue, Oct 8, 2013 at 1:56 PM

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Subject: Kenning Park Site plan concept

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Mr Chet Hill,

October 7, 2013

I have included a copy of the site plan that was on display at the 2013 Torry Community Association picnic, 9/15/13. The plan, in concept, has the support of many TCA members as well as the TCA Board. At this point it is not the solution to the park, rather it is a tool for dialog and feedback. Obviously, everyone will have new ideas and suggestions for the park during the workshop on October 15TH.

This plan incorporates most of the following:

Two pedestrian promenades (paver & mosaic) leading to the open park behind the ice arena and tennis/racquet club.

Reconfiguration of one of the tennis bubbles (that holds two tennis courts) to open up a sight line for better visibility from the main parking lot into the park's west side children's play area.

Provide a small pavilion area (fabric structure) for sun & rain protection in the picnic area w/ electrical outlet at the picnic area of the park

Adding a soccer field (8 vs 8) with a walking/jogging track (recycled rubber).

Adding trails (recycled rubber) along the periphery (outer boundaries) of the park.

Reducing from four baseball fields, to two, and moving the larger baseball field towards the back of the park.

Provide pedestrian access into the park from Eton (by Melton). Not shown on plan

Provide small gravel parking lot accessed from drive by the ice arena, near picnic area, (behind reworked tennis courts) to reduce travel distance for the elderly to the park.

Provide bathroom area. not shown on plan

Provide 1/2 basketball court off parking lot area

As the Kenning Park master planning process occurs, determining the future course of the outdoor fields is one of the most important decisions to be made. Four baseball diamonds are on this site now. I expect there will be many arguments to support maintaining the four baseball diamonds.

My position is that soccer has made it's way into American culture and has grown tremendously within the past 20 years. It is very popular among the younger and older adults. Unlike baseball, the playing season is longer. Not allowing the provision of a dedicated soccer field at Kenning Park, would be neglectful to the community and the surrounding neighborhood district.

Kenning Park is unique; it is called a "Community Park" and it is the only City park within the Torry Community Neighborhood Association boundaries (the district between Maple & 14 mile east of Woodward). There are approximately 1800 households in this quadrant of the City. If baseball remains the only sport at the outdoor fields, then the City needs to clarify that the Park is, in fact, a baseball park, and caters to only to that user group. I hope the programing process is fair & takes into account that things have changed since the park was configured years ago. Thank you for providing your expertise in the endeavor to create a park master plan that will be exciting for all.

Larry Bertollini

President Torry Community Association

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City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Kenning Park Site plan concept

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Fwd: Kenning etc

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 11:08 AM

To: Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Kenning Park Master Plan file please!

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From: **Anne and Peter Bray** <annebray@ameritech.net>

Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 5:10 PM

Subject: Kenning etc

To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>, John Meehan <john.meehan@att.net>

Hi Lauren

I am sorry to have to miss Thursday's meeting but have to be at Metro at that time. I hope you will hold more than one meeting on this topic on the park plans. I recall that in previous park developments more than one public meeting was held. Does the Park really need four baseball fields? Maybe a bit more diversity might be in order.

Please may there be a minimum of impervious surface (which applies mostly to the parking lot) and adhere to the City policy of native vegetation.

What is the resolution of the Japanese garden proposal? I understand that Mr. Lasser has agreed to pay the full cost.

I missed the last Parks meeting, being occupied elsewhere at the time. I was hoping you would provide me with a complete list of trees already planted, but do realize that you are busy with Kenning Park. Anne

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Kenning Park Master Plan - Comments

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 1:58 PM

To: Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Dorothy called me this morning about the upcoming public meeting tomorrow night 10-17-13 about the Kenning Park Master Plan. She is unable to attend, but wanted to share with us and express the support from the Pembroke Manor Homeowners Association for a multi-use facility at Kenning Park to include a soccer field and possibly a basketball court, of some size.

The group concurs with the Larry Bertollini proposal for Kenning Park.

Please place this in the comment file.

Lauren

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[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park Master Plan1 message

Michael Kopmeyer <polkaboy2001@yahoo.com>

Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 1:08 PM

Reply-To: Michael Kopmeyer <polkaboy2001@yahoo.com>

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Greetings to all:

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who have invested your time, energy, and other resources into improving city life here in Birmingham.

Since I shall not be in attendance at the public meeting this Thursday, I ask you to please consider my thoughts regarding the future of Kenning Park.

One of the things which I have noted in the past couple of years is a need for better pathways (pedestrian and bicycle) though the park. The addition of a picnic shelter (with electrical power) would be a great improvement to this facility, as well. Additionally, public washrooms would be a tremendous asset.

Aside from the wish list above, I have viewed a proposal for Kenning Park as rendered by architect and neighborhood resident Larry Bertolini, and I think his vision for this civic asset is right on the mark. A soccer field and a running track are precisely the types of improvement which this facility needs. What we don't need, I believe, is to devote this space so heavily to one activity, namely baseball.

I ask those of you in a decision making capacity to please adopt the plan submitted by Larry Bertolini; I think it would serve the residents of this neighborhood and city well.

Sincerely,

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[Kenning Park Feedback] Support For Redesign of Kenning Park1 message

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Dear Commissioners, City Manager & Mr Hill,

My husband and I are long-time residents of Birmingham, having lived on Webster Street for over 35 years, and have enjoyed the wonderful benefits that Birmingham has to offer its residents. I have also been associated as a board member of the Torry Community Association (TCA) for a few years.

This email is in support of certain proposals submitted by the TCA in connection with the fair use and utilization of Kenning Park, on Lincoln Road near Eton. This is the only city park on this side of Birmingham, but the use of the park has the potential of impacting residents in and beyond the Torry community.

While we don't have kids that would be affected one way or another by proposed changes in the sports fields at Kenning, we fully support the development and inclusion of other sports fields, like soccer. We believe that fairness in the use of Kenning Park for all area residents' interests is important, be that for other sports like soccer, or, in general, a more universal usefulness of the park.

We are in support of the Kenning Park Master Plan addressing the following issues:

- Better visibility of the children's play area from the parking lot - this is a safety issue as well as a configuration aspect
- Some provision for vehicle access closer to the children's play area than what now exists
- Installation of a Soccer field to complement the sports interests currently offered at Kenning Park
- Installation of a covered Pavillion near the children's play area with electrical outlet, providing for sun and rain protection when this area is in use
- Provisions of an electrical outlet in the picnic area
- The inclusion of pedestrian promenade(s) from the parking lot leading into the open park, to be used for walking or jogging trails in and through the park
- Providing access into the park from Eton Street (by Melton).
- Provide a general public bathroom. It has been my experience that public restroom(s)

available at the ice arena have not always been open to others who are using the park. If a single non-gender "family" bathroom was available in the park area, it could be controlled by a lock & key (the key being made available perhaps through the Parks & Rec office or the Ice Arena), so it would not be continuously open and subject to potential misuse and/or damage when not being used as intended.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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October 11, 2013

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Re: Kenning Park

Dear Sir/Madam:

It has come to my attention that there is a plan being considered to reduce the number of baseball fields at Kenning Park from four to two. For years, I have coached a Birmingham Little League team. I am also an assistant coach on the Birmingham tournament team for the U-11 squad known as the "Birmingham Bombers." Please take note that I and each of the individuals with whom I have spoken are vehemently opposed to any plan to reduce the number of baseball fields at Kenning Park. These fields present the only reasonably decent playing conditions for baseball within the city limits. Further, the collection of four fields together presents the only possible site for tournament play, not to mention the fact that having the four fields together at one park provide all of the players, their families and fans with a wonderful sense of community, unlike that provided at any park or venue within the city.

Please understand that any attempt to reduce the number of baseball fields at Kenning Park will be met with many loud voices in opposition. For those who would attempt to fix something that is not broken, let them know that they should find a different location where their efforts will not negatively impact so many people. If you have any questions regarding my position or the reasons why the number of fields should not be reduced, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

David B. Timmis

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park Master Plan1 message

Patricia Dobosenski <pdobosenski@sbcglobal.net>

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Dear Commissioners, City Manager, and Mr. Hill,

My family and I have enjoyed the Birmingham parks, especially Kenning (formerly Eton Park), Poppleton, Pembroke, and Howarth. I, myself, played softball at all of these parks when Birmingham was part of the Intracity League and when Birmingham had a league for women softball players. The fields were well maintained and great to play on. Our daughters enjoyed the playgrounds at these parks and others in the city when they were little. We have flown kites and thrown boomerangs and frisbees at Kenning Park. We have cross country skied there too. Our community association has annual picnics at Kenning. We have been to numerous activities at the ice arena and watched friends astound us at the skate park. We even used to all play tennis at the courts at Kenning. We don't go to the parks as often now. We have lived in the same house on Bowers street since 1970 and our needs have changed.

We would enjoy a place to walk with a smooth pathway. We would enjoy taking our grandsons to Kenning to kick the soccer ball around or watch a local soccer team play. We still enjoy watching Little League games played at Kenning but notice that all the fields are not usually in use at once except at playoff times.

Our Torry Community Association has been tossing around ideas to improve Kenning Park. We are excited to think that the city would put some revenues into our local park. Because of the growing popularity of soccer (two of our grandsons enjoy the game) and the prediction that soccer programs are increasing, we would like to see Kenning incorporate a soccer field in the new plan. Other ideas we encourage you to consider for Kenning that have been discussed by members of our Torry Community Association include a covered pavilion near the children's play area with electricity. The children's play area is quite a distance from the parking lot so, if possible, automobile access to the play area would assist parents with small children or people wanting to bring in a heavy ice chest or picnic fare. The visibility of the children's play area is a concern to many of us. It is a distance from the parking area with a couple of tennis courts and green spaces before you get to the play structures. This would be an improvement for the safety of our children.

Thank you for considering these improvements to Kenning Park. I would like to be at the meetings tomorrow but we have a previous commitment with our 4 year old and 3 week old grandsons tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Pat (Mrs. Mike) Dobosenski



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Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Commissioner's, City Manager, and Mr. Hill,

Please be informed I had a conversation with Dorothy Conrade yesterday who informed me that the Pembroke Manor Neighborhood Association held their annual meeting on Monday October 14TH and discussed ideas for the Kenning Park Master Plan. According to Dorothy, the Association Board and members support making provisions for a properly sized soccer field at Kenning Park. They are also in support of a 1/2 or 1/4 sized basketball court at Kenning Park. Dorothy told me that I can speak on her behalf tonight regarding this matter because she has another obligation. She also told me that Lauren Wood was made aware of this. Please make note of this in the workshop survey of community needs & desires. Thank you

Larry Bertollini

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[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park Master Plan Soccer & Track Points of Interest

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Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Commissioner's, City Manager, and Mr. Hill,

I wanted to share an email I received from a supporter of the concept plan that was submitted with the soccer field & walking/running track at Kenning park.

Larry,

I really like your plan. Here are a couple points you may already have for your argument.

Creates more international atmosphere soccer is the World Sport.

Creates a more Diverse sports area.

Greater use of facilities year round.

Soccer is extremely popular and growing in the US .

Could be used as a Lacrosse field for youth teams. Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the US .

New modern cities are all focusing on their soccer facilities.

Could double as a Youth Flag football field as well.

Exercise track promotes the new fitness trends.

Increases area home values increase due to diverse facilities.

Youth play area helps keep siblings active during events.

Baseball popularity for youth is on the decline in US.

Soccer is more a more popular sport for youth girls than baseball giving more gender diverse facilities.

THE MOST POPULAR YOUTH SPORTS IN THE U.S.

There are 35 million kids between five and eighteen years of age in the U.S. who play organized youth sports each year. Ever wonder how your sport ranks on the list of major youth sports being played in the U.S. ?

Here's a breakdown of the top three youth sports:

Number 3 – Baseball

About 11.5 million kids of all ages played baseball in 2011. Number 3 isn't bad, but baseball's numbers are dipping. From 2000 to 2009, the latest year for which figures are available, the number of kids aged 7 to 17 playing baseball fell 24%, according to the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA), an industry trade group. Despite growing concerns about the long-term effects of concussions, participation in youth tackle football has soared 21% over the same time span, while ice hockey jumped 38%. The Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association, another industry trade group, said baseball participation fell 12.7% for the overall population.

Number 2 – Soccer

About 14.2 million kids played soccer in the U.S. in 2008 according to the NSGA making it the second most popular sport. Unlike baseball, youth soccer in the U.S. is growing rapidly.

Number 1 – Basketball

About 26.2 million youth played basketball in 2008, far outpacing all other sports. Sports Business Journal reports that the lack of necessary equipment and the relative availability of public facilities for pickup games are factors in making basketball the number one played youth sport.

Just some thoughts to add

Pete



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[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park

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Fri, Oct 18, 2013 at 9:20 AM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS AND WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY LAST NIGHT. ONE THING THAT WASN'T DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH WAS THE EXISTING SOCCER "AREAS" IN BIRMINGHAM. SOME VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE SOCCER COMMUNITY INFORMED ME THAT IF BARNUM AND CRESTVIEW PARKS WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE FIXED GOALS, AND NOT TEMPORARY ONES, THEY WOULD NOT NEED ANY DEDICATED SPACE AT KENNING PARK FOR A SOCCER FIELD. THIS WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITIES TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT ATHLETIC COMMITTED SPACES AT KENNING WHILE ALSO ALLOWING FOR GREEN SPACE.

SINCERELY,

PAT O'NEILL



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[Kenning Park Feedback] Softball

1 message

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Wed, Oct 30, 2013 at 8:50 PM

To: kenningpark@bhamgov.org

Your Birmingham softball team plays approximate 20 games of softball at Kenning Park each year. Therefore you have teams for the local cities visiting Birmingham. Your team also practices at your park about 25 days each year.



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Kenning Park

1 message

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Wed, Oct 30, 2013 at 10:54 AM

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Mark,

As it seems that this particular push may have quite a bit more momentum behind it, I wanted to send a copy of the plans that were done 6 years ago on the field redesign. I can tell you that we looked at this arrangement for months and this is the most efficient set up. We certainly can move the fencing around on the two south fields and possibly the one furthest west.

As you can see, I just can't see how a soccer field is going to fit in this park without removing numerous trees and even the play ground or Tennis courts. We need the four fields for our league to be viable presently and in the future.

Thank you,

Dave Palmeri

President

[Birmingham Little League, Inc.](#)[\(248\) 355-1414](#)[\(248\) 355-9169](#) Fax[\(248\) 761-0887](#) Cell

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Plans for Kenning Park

1 message

Lee and Mary Feiste <lwfeste@comcast.net>

Tue, Oct 29, 2013 at 4:24 PM

To: kenningpark@bhamgov.org

Cc: Linozfor@att.net

Oct. 29, 2013

Planner for Kenning Park:

As a resident of Birmingham and member of the Jets senior softball team I would like to inform that our team plays every year from April through Aug. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Kenning Park.

Please keep this information in mind in future planning of Kenning Park.

Thank You,
Leland Feiste



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Fw: Kenning Park

1 message

Linda/Oz Forrester <linozfor@att.net>

Tue, Oct 29, 2013 at 2:39 PM

Reply-To: Linda/Oz Forrester <linozfor@att.net>

To: "kenningpark@bhamgov.org" <kenningpark@bhamgov.org>

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From: Linda/Oz Forrester <linozfor@att.net>**To:** "kenningpark@bham-gov.org" <kenningpark@bham-gov.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 2:07 PM**Subject:** Kenning Park

I am player-manager of the Birmingham Jets senior softball team.

Jets play in an Oakland Co league that requires a home field for about 15 games.

We thank Connie & the guys who prep our fields!

Other communities where we play away games, such as Rochester, West Bloomfield, Lake Orion & Clarkston have at least 3 fields to accommodate playoffs. They take turns holding playoffs.

Can Kenning be configured to have 3 diamonds with 300 foot fences per Amateur Softball Association?

Infield base & pitchers rubber distances for senior softball & youth baseball already exist in the field on which we now play, so that presents no problem.

To accommodate other games, the fence distances could be flexible using moveable, low, temporary systems seen in other communities.

This could be an opportunity to showcase Birmingham by holding senior softball playoffs sometime in the future.

Oz Forrester

3) Fd 4 shorter fence
from 280 FT to 230 FT.

Allows a walking track
Between Fd 4 and houses.
Creates a 50 FT wide area.

1) Track, lacking
Around the full field
8 FT wide

3) Playground - New Add Between
Let Fd Fence & Fd 3 to
Property line 430 FT
old improve
current playground
120 X 30

3) Ball Fields
Smaller back stop fence
Replace Rusty Fencing
Reshape infields

No Ball over fence
at Fd 4. (past 20 yrs) ?

Embarrassed by Kennel PK?
Baseball
Few access points ?
Two way parking lot ?

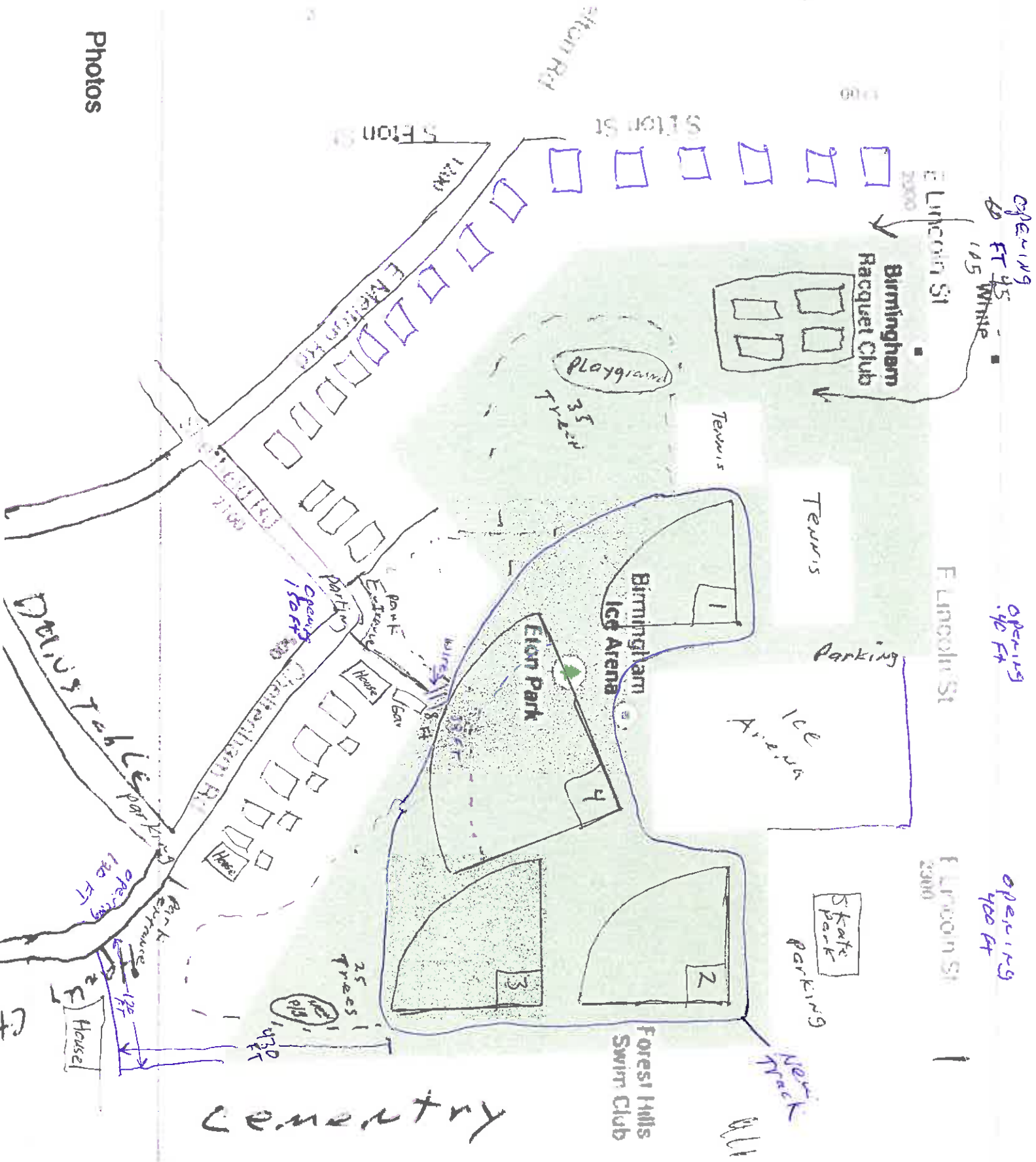


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Kenning pk

From : ric pur <ric_pur@comcast.net>

Mon, Oct 28, 2013 10:52 AM

Subject : Kenning pk**To :** Richard Pumell <ric_pur@comcast.net>

Dave Palmeri has presented the Little League proposal for the ball fields that I support. That plan involves a major reworking of the ball fields at Kenning park.

A few thoughts about the plans for Kenning park other than the ball fields. But first I want to point out that I and most of the people of the area think the park is a GREAT place. None of us are "ashamed" of it. To the contrary we are all proud of our park. My suggestions-

1-Place a walking track around the park. This will allow anyone, walkers, parents with strollers, etc to enter the park at any of the six entrance points and walk to any part of the park without wading thru water or mud, without having to push a stroller over bumpy grass and dirt.

2-shorten the outfield fence of field 4 from its present 280 feet to about 230 feet. This will allow the walking track to go around the outer edge of the park. There will be a gap of 58 feet between the outfield fence and the nearest private property. Now the gap is only 8 feet covered by support wires for utility poles. In the past 15 years there has not been a single ball hit over that fence.

The field is only used by our 11 and 12 year olds and the senior softball team over age 55.

3-The most unsightly item at these fields are the four backstops. 30 feet tall of rusty, bent iron. They are big enough for the Detroit Tigers to use them. If they were lowered to 20 feet or less they would be much less intrusive. The kids using these fields are only age 12 at the most.

4-Add a small play area at the southeast corner of the park. This would be enable the neighbors in that area to walk to the park and playground with their kids without having to travel over dirt, mud or water, or having to load up a car and drive to the parking lot on Lincoln street.

-- Sent from my HP TouchPad



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park Study

Ken Conrad <kenconr@msn.com>

Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 5:08 PM

To: "kenningpark@bhamgov.org" <kenningpark@bhamgov.org>

The many proposals are interesting and varied in the attempt to utilize the park to the maximum potential for all the residents of Birmingham. My principal interest is on the large baseball diamond directly behind the Ice Arena. I am a member of the Birmingham Jets, an Oakland County senior men's softball league, and Kenning is our home field. Our season runs from mid April to mid August. We play Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 AM. My concern is the timing to relocate/reconstruct a new large diamond if that becomes necessary in the final plan. *I know from experience that the permitting process alone can be several months for soil contamination, impervious water study and drains etc. Then you have the bidding process and the actual construction. Can all of this be done without impacting our season ? If not then what are the viable alternatives?*

Please consider the old ball players of Birmingham when you make your decisions.

*Ken Conrad
2252 Yorkshire*



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Kenning Park Plans

james luzod <jamesluzod@hotmail.com>

Wed, Dec 4, 2013 at 4:39 PM

To: "kenningpark@bhamgov.org" <kenningpark@bhamgov.org>

You may have already received contact from the senior men with whom I play softball with in the summer. Kenning Park is our homefield. We call ourselves the Birmingham Jets. We have been an event Monday and Wednesday mornings in the summer for all my eleven years with the team. Old timers like Ken Conrad and Oz Forrester have more history with this team.

Of course we are only one team using the field but probably the least known because we play in the mornings and so very little time conflict with any other activity other than the grass cutters.

I ask only to keep us in mind as you go about configuring the space to maximize the use potential by the community. Oh, and by the way, you may have also heard a little about pickleball, the fastest growing court sport in the US. Royal Oak Parks and Rec has six outdoor courts at Whittier Park that are in constant use seven days a week from 8 AM to dusk in the summer. I can serve as an information source if there is interest in considering this activity in the Kenning Park planning.

Jim Luzod, [248-855-2676](tel:248-855-2676)

JPL 🤔



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

[Kenning Park Feedback] Revised plan

1 message

Leslie Voigt <leslie.voigt@me.com>

Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 1:30 PM

To: kenningpark@bhamgov.org

To whom it may concern:

I attended the last meeting about the Kenning Park Plan and have the following comments:

- 1) I believe it should primarily be used as a sports complex (primarily baseball), not a leisure park (there are many of those in this city)
- 2) I do not believe any of the baseball fields should be removed to make way for yet another soccer field in this city (improve the existing soccer fields if necessary)
- 3) A useable baseball complex would attract tournaments which could generate revenue for the city.
- 4) I think spending \$2 million on the parking in front is ridiculous and the money should be spent first to improve the baseball fields and add things like concessions and a bathroom.

All the baseball families were always embarrassed when teams would come from other cities to play baseball at Kenning Park. Our citizens should never have to be embarrassed about where we live.

Leslie Voigt
889 Suffield Ave.
Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham golf courses rolling in the green

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Birmingham's two golf courses turned a profit for the first time in eight years.



Written by
Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

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It's hard to believe there was a time when Birmingham was wrestling over what to do with the city's two public golf courses.

Springdale and Lincoln Hills were both bleeding money. As recently as 2011, the nine-hole courses were running on a combined deficit of nearly \$130,000.

These days, Springdale and Lincoln Hills are rolling in the green. On Monday, DPS Director Lauren Wood provided the City Commission

with a year-end report on the two courses that indicated they made a combined profit of \$68,249 in 2013. Wood noted it's the first year the courses have operated in the black since 2006.

"It was a stellar year," she told the commission.

Much of the credit goes to PGA professional Jacquelyn Brito, who was hired in 2012 to oversee the clubhouse operations at the two courses. The city also invested in the courses: the Lincoln Hills clubhouse was renovated, the food menus were upgraded and the city allowed the two courses to obtain tavern licenses so they could serve beer and wine.

All of their efforts paid off. Even though the actual numbers of rounds were down slightly in 2013, memberships were up and so were food and beverage sales.

In 2013, Lincoln Hills posted 28,397 rounds – or an increase of 3,157 rounds over 2012. According to the report, this was due to 1,868 additional league rounds and 983 guest rounds.

Springdale, on the other hand, finished the 2013 season with 24,699 rounds – a decrease of 4,327 rounds from 2012. The report indicates a drop in weekday rounds was responsible for the overall decrease. The course was also closed for six days in the spring due to flooding

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over the bridges that did not allow play.

Food and beverage sales at the two courses brought in \$77,823 – an increase of \$26,427 over 2012. Beer sales jumped from \$12,728 to \$29,494 over that time period, while wine sales increased from \$779 to \$1,469. The rest came from food and beverage sales.

Another move that paid off was the restructuring of membership fees in 2012. Non-resident individual passes increased from 343 in 2011 to 401 in 2013, while non-resident family passes shot up from 29 in 2011 to 65 in 2013.

The biggest jump came in the number of resident memberships, from 1,244 in 2011 up to 2,007 in 2013 – an increase of 61 percent.

“By lowering the costs of memberships, I see you added more golfers,” Commissioner Rackeline Hoff said at the meeting. “I thought that was really good.”

Commissioner Gordon Rinschler also spoke at the meeting and said he was impressed with the operations. As for the extra revenue, Acting City Manager Joe Valentine said staff will determine the best way to invest the money back into the courses.

More information about the two courses, including upcoming events in 2014, can be found on the city’s website at www.bhamgov.org.

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 19, 2014
TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members
FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Capital Projects for 2014-2015 Proposed

The following various park projects are proposed in the Capital Improvement Projects budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

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| 1. Park Benches | \$30,000 |
| 2. Barnum Park Phase II | \$15,000 |
| 3. Pembroke Park Athletic Fields | \$25,000 |
| 4. Poppleton Park Playground Improvements | \$30,000 |

Some other potential projects included in the upcoming fiscal year General Fund budget includes invasive species removal program, woody debris removal from Rouge River, Linden Park and Linn Smith park plan design including bridge design.

Projects already completed or anticipated to begin during the current budget include Kenning Parking Lot re-construction, Kenning Ballfield improvements, trail improvements and park signage.