



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 12, 2016

6:30 PM

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (*regular meeting*)

III. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.

1. Millrace Road - Review of Street Name Change Request

IV. Communications/Discussion Items

1. Parks and Recreation Board Roster
2. Poppleton Park Input, e-mail received
3. 2016 Projects
4. The City Commission Budget Session will be held on Saturday, April 16th
5. Upcoming Department Events:
 - DPS Open House-Saturday, May 14, 2016 (10:00 am-2:00 pm)
 - Lincoln Hills Open House-Saturday, May 14, 2016 (1:00 pm -3:00 pm)
 - City of Birmingham Ice Show
Friday, May 13th (7:00 pm), Saturday, May 14th (7:00 pm)
Sunday, May 15th (2:00 pm)

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda

VIII. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2016 (DPS)

IX. Adjournment

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as interpreter services, for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 at least on day in advance of the public meeting.

Las personas que requieren alojamiento, tales como servicios de interpretación, la participación efectiva en esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al (248) 530-1880 por lo menos el día antes de la reunión pública.
(Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

If you cannot attend the meetings, please contact Connie Folk at the Birmingham Ice Arena (248) 530-1642.

Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009

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

March 1, 2016

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens, John Meehan and Ryan Ross

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Nichole McMaster

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services, Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager, Jacky Brito, Clubhouse Manager and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Patty Blair and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Ross Kaplan, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht that the minutes of the February 2, 2016 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 4 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-3 (Art Stevens, John Meehan and Ryan Ross)

AGENDA ITEM #1-Golf Report -2015 review -2016 Prospectus

Jacky Brito reviewed the 2015 Golf Report that included a 10 year review of annual rounds, revenue and expenditure comparisons, a five-year financial projection and a forecast for the 2016 season. Jacky also reviewed the upcoming 2016 marketing strategies.

The Parks and Recreation Board received and reviewed the golf report.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Poppleton Park Sub-Committee Appointments

Lauren stated that a current listing of the Parks and Recreation Board Sub-Committees has been provided and since the department is moving forward on the Poppleton Park Site Concept Plan the department would like to establish a Poppleton Park Sub-Committee comprised of two or three Parks and Recreation Board members that could meet during the day and more than once a month.

Therese stated that committee would look at Poppleton Park more in depth and to bring the body of knowledge back to the Parks and Recreation Board with recommendations and suggestions.

Lilly Stotland nominated Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe and Bill Wiebrecht to the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee, Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe and Bill Wiebrecht accepted the nomination.

Yeas – 4 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-3 (Art Stevens, John Meehan and Ryan Ross)

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Little Library Project

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the Little Library Project for the City of Birmingham.

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the Department of Public Services Administration has chosen locations that have a lot of foot traffic, is highly visible and the designs were created to attract children to the Little Library Structures.

The department will assign a staff representative to to make sure the library stays clean and inviting. The staff representative will also check content of book material and scan through books to ensure no graffiti or missing pages.

Connie states that the four locations that the department has chosen are Barnum, Booth, Kenning and Pembroke Park.

Connie also stated that the department will be contacting the Homeowner's Association to inform them of the Little Library Project and to ask if their association would like to assist with the Little Library Project.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the Department of Public Services design and location of the proposed Little Library projects as stated and further register each Little Library with the Little Library Organization and to submit to the City Commission for their consideration and approval of the same.

Yeas – 4 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-3 (Art Stevens, John Meehan and Ryan Ross)

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Parks and Recreation Board Roster

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the Parks and Recreation Board Roster

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on April 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 3/1/2016



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Millrace Rd. Street Name Change Request - Staff and Board input needed

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Mar 21, 2016 at 11:14 AM

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

Please place on the next Parks Board agenda, including all of the attachments, as an action item.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joellen Haines** <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 12:05 PM

Subject: Millrace Rd. Street Name Change Request - Staff and Board input needed

To: Jana Ecker <Jecker@bhamgov.org>, Matthew Baka <mbaka@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>, Laura Pierce <lpierce@bhamgov.org>, Leslie Pielack <lpielack@bhamgov.org>, Mark Gerber <Mgerber@bhamgov.org>, Carlos Jorge <Cjorge@bhamgov.org>, Don Studt <Dstudt@bhamgov.org>, John Connaughton <Jconnaughton@bhamgov.org>, Gary Gemmell <Ggemmell@bhamgov.org>, John Heiney <Jheiney@bhamgov.org>, Yvonne Taylor <ytaylor@bhamgov.org>, Paul O'Meara <Pomeara@bhamgov.org>, Bruce Johnson <Bjohnson@bhamgov.org>
Cc: Joe Valentine <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Following the City Commission approval on March 14, 2016, of the Street Name Change Review Policy (see attached), the Commission has directed staff to have the Birmingham Historical Museum, Historic District Commission and the Historic District Study Committee, and well as, "relevant agencies and city boards impacted relative to the street name change," provide a review and recommendation regarding the impact to the City. It was brought up during the Commission meeting that because Millrace Road is directly adjacent to a City park, the Parks and Recreation Board should also review and provide a recommendation.

Please set your meetings and add this to your respective agendas. I have attached information already compiled if you would like to include and forward to the Boards. Their review and recommendation should follow the procedures set in place by the attached policy. Special attention should be given to the time frame of 90 days starting March 14, 2016. The reviews (reports) should be sent to me for presentation to the City Commission no later than May 31, 2016 to meet this deadline for the June 6, 2016 Commission meeting.

The main petitioner, James Rousseau, should also be contacted and made aware of the upcoming meetings. His contact information is difficult to read, but his phone number is [248-730-2423](tel:248-730-2423).

City staff have also been directed to provide a report on the administrative impact of this suggested change within their own respective departments. This department report must also be done before May 31, or earlier if possible. Thank you for your assistance in handling this request.

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Joellen LaBaere Haines, MPA
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jhaines@bhamgov.org

Agenda Item #1

"There are amazingly wonderful people in all walks of life; some familiar to us and others not. Stretch yourself and really get to know people. People are in many ways one of our greatest treasures."

and further directing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

- L. Resolution approving the purchase of ten (10) Dumor benches and twelve (12) trash receptacles for a total purchase price of \$29,871.00 from the sole source vendor, Penchura, LLC. Further, waiving the formal bidding requirements for this purchase with a sole source vendor. The money has been budgeted in fiscal year 2015-2016 Capital Projects Fund- Park Benches & Trash Cans for Streetscapes account #401-901.009-981.0100 for this equipment purchase.
- M. Resolution accepting the resignation of Ms. Kara Lividini from the Public Arts Board, thanking her for her service, and directing the Clerk to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- N. Resolution setting Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:30 P.M., to conduct a public hearing of necessity for the installation of new street lights where none currently exist within the Hamilton Ave. Paving project area. If necessity is declared, setting Monday, April 25, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. for a public hearing to confirm the roll for the installation of street lights where none currently exist in the Hamilton Ave. Paving project area.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yeas,	Commissioner Bordman Commissioner Boutros Commissioner DeWeese Commissioner Harris Mayor Pro Tem Nickita Commissioner Sherman Mayor Hoff
	Nays,	None
	Absent,	None
	Abstention,	None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

03-73-16

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

LOT REARRANGMENT OF 1366 HAYNES CT AND 725 S ADAMS

Mayor Hoff stated that the applicant withdrew the request for a lot rearrangement of 1366 Haynes Ct. and 725 S. Adams. She closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM.

03-74-16

STREET NAME CHANGE REVIEW POLICY

Assistant to the Manager Haines presented the revisions to the Street Name Change Review Policy as requested by the City Commission at the February 22nd meeting. She explained that the policy was created to give the Commission more information to make a decision and to provide a way that the Commission could get information from other impacted agencies.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Bordman:
To adopt the proposed Street Name Change Review Policy.

Mr. Valentine confirmed for Commissioner Harris that the ninety-day timeframe does allow for each agency to provide its input.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To submit the November 18, 2015 request for the street name change of Millrace Road to Lakeside Court for review in accordance with the Street Name Change Review Policy.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

03-75-16 NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE CONNECTOR ROUTE

City Engineer O'Meara reviewed the changes to the Neighborhood Bike Connector Route, as recommended by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, which include utilizing a more traditional means of signage. He noted that the sharrows will remain as originally proposed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bordman, Mr. O'Meara explained that bicyclists will be encouraged to use the signal at Maple and Chesterfield. He noted a concrete path will be added and striped to be used for bikes only on the south side of Maple between Larchlea and Chesterfield. He noted that it would not affect the trees in that area.

Mr. O'Meara confirmed for Mayor Hoff that notification postcards were mailed out.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Nickita:

To concur with the recommendation of the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, and directing staff to implement a Neighborhood Connector Route in 2016 as follows:

1. Per the revised map, the connector route will be denoted using signs and pavement markings as directed in this package, using the bike symbol sign with a white arrow on green background at all turns and key crossings, as well as sharrow pavement markings at similar locations,
2. Banning all street parking on Oak St. between Lakepark Dr. and Lakeside Dr. to allow the extension of the existing Oak St. bike lanes for one block to the east as depicted on the attached plan,
3. Installing a ten foot wide concrete off street bike path on W. Maple Rd. between Larchlea Dr. and Chesterfield Ave., to be constructed as a part of the W. Maple Rd. Resurfacing Project.

Once bids are received and the contract is ready for award, a separate motion awarding the Contract and authorizing the expenditures shall be returned to the Commission for approval.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

03-76-16 TORRY NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEYARD EASEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

City Engineer O'Meara explained that in the neighborhood to the east of Adams and west of Eton, there is a sideyard half easement that allows pedestrians to walk through. He explained that Torry is being rebuilt this year and the intersection between Haynes and Torry will be improved. Mr. O'Meara explained the pedestrian improvements to the other intersections.

Commissioner Bordman noted that there was flooding in this area today. Mr. O'Meara stated that the area will be reviewed.



MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

DATE: February 24, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Street Name Change Review Policy With Revisions

The following policy is a revised version of the Street Name Change Review policy that was presented at the February 22, 2016 City Commission meeting. This revised policy incorporates the changes recommended by the Commission during the meeting and include the following:

1. Change number 1 to read: "Initial requests and petitions for consideration of street name changes shall contain support from a minimum of 60% of the property owners on the street and be filed with the City Clerk in order to be considered."
2. Change the second bullet point under number 2 to: "a review and recommendation from the Historic District Commission and ~~not~~ the Historic District Study Committee."
3. Expand the bullet point regarding reports from other agencies to include, "Reports from other relevant agencies and city boards impacted relative to the street name change (e.g. U.S. Post Office, Parks and Recreation Board, etc.)."

The Street Name Change Review Policy provides a procedure to follow to consider administrative and historical implications of each submitted request, and provides a means of review by the City Commission prior to making a decision to set a public hearing as provided for in the City Charter Chapter XI, Section 7 under Street Names.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To adopt the proposed Street Name Change Review Policy, and

To submit the November 18, 2015 request for the street name change of Millrace Road to Lakeside Court for review in accordance with the Street Name Change Review Policy.



STREET NAME CHANGE REVIEW POLICY

The City of Birmingham recognizes the need to provide a review policy to evaluate requests to change a street name in the City. The Street Name Change Review Policy has been provided to establish a process whereby a street name change request can be reviewed for historical and administrative considerations prior to the City Commission making a decision to set a public hearing and implementing the provisions of the City Charter, Chapter XI, Section 7.

The following procedure shall comprise the policy for the review of street name change requests in the City.

1. Initial requests and petitions for consideration of street name changes shall contain support from a minimum of 60% of the property owners on the street and be filed with the City Clerk in order to be considered.
2. Upon receipt of a valid request or petition an internal review will be conducted to gather information to provide to the City Commission for consideration within ninety (90) days. The request shall undergo a review process which shall include, but is not limited to:
 - A review and recommendation from the Birmingham Historical Museum
 - A review and recommendation from the Historic District Commission and the Historic District Study Committee
 - City Staff review by each department regarding administrative considerations
 - Reports from other relevant agencies and City boards impacted relative to the street name change (e.g. U.S. Post Office, Parks and Recreation Board, etc.)
3. Once the request has been circulated through this review process, the findings and recommendations will be compiled and presented to the City Commission in the form of a report, with notification of the date of the City Commission meeting provided to the requesting/petitioning parties.
4. Upon review and consideration of the report, the City Commission may either set a public hearing in accordance with Chapter XI, Section 7 of the City Charter, or decline a public hearing following a review of information prescribed by this policy.



MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

DATE: February 18, 2016

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Street Name Change Review Policy

The decision to develop a Street Name Change Review Policy was made in response to a request submitted to the City Manager's Office on November 15, 2015 via a petition from all five homeowners on Millrace Road to have their street name changed from Millrace Road to Lakeside Court. An initial memo was submitted to the City Commission by Museum Director Leslie Pielack, which detailed a brief history of the street and its historical references.

At the January 25, 2016 City Commission meeting, the Commission voted to have staff develop a policy to consider street name change requests. This policy would provide a review by the Historical Museum, the Historical District Study Committee, City Departments, and other agencies as may be necessary to determine the street name change's impact on the city, along with associated costs. The City Commission decided to table all requests for street name changes until a street name change policy is adopted by the City Commission.

In response to the City Commission's request to develop a review policy, the City has developed a Street Name Change Review Policy which provides a procedure to follow to consider administrative and historical implications of each submitted request, and provides a means of review by the City Commission prior to making a decision to set a public hearing as provided for in the City Charter Chapter XI, Section 7 under Street Names.

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The following procedure shall comprise the policy for the review of street name change requests in the City.

1. Initial requests and petitions for consideration of street name changes shall be filed with the City Clerk.
2. Upon receipt of such request or petition, the request shall undergo a review process which shall include, but is not limited to:
 - A review and recommendation from the Historical Museum
 - A review and recommendation from the Historic District Commission and/or the Historic District Study Committee
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 - Reports from other agencies impacted relative to the street name change
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Mill Pond Historic District



Legal Description:	T2N, R10E, SEC 26 QUARTON LAKE ESTATES REPLAT OUTLOT A EXC THAT PART PLATTED INTO 'MILLRACE PARK SUB', ALSO OUTLOT B, ALSO LOTS 1 TO 6 INCL OF 'QUARTON LAKESIDE SUB'
Designation:	Historic District

The Mill Pond (now named Quarton Lake) and Rouge River were undoubtedly a major factor in the settlement of the Birmingham area. Several Mills were built during the 1800's along the banks of the river both north and south of the Mill Pond. In November of 1918 a new dam was built at the south end of the pond. This dam was constructed to replace an old dam to the north east. The old dam was removed, and the course of the river was altered so it flowed in a southeasterly direction from the new dam to join the east branch of the river at Baldwin Avenue. All traces of the flumes, raceways, and tail races were removed. Once used as the town "swimming hole" the lake is now lined with trees and used as a park with a walking trail around.

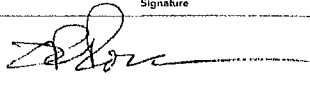

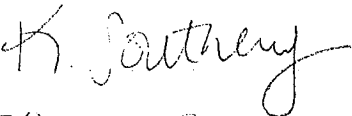
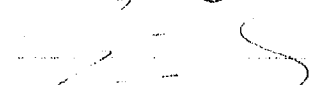
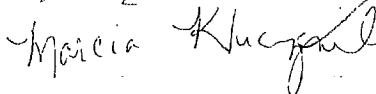


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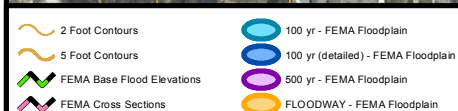
We the home owners on Millrace Road petition the City of Birmingham to change the name of our street to Lakeside Court. Our street is not a road, but a cul-de-sac, and by having it named a "road" creates confusion for drivers looking to get to Maple Road.



Submitted
Nov. 18, 2015
by James Rosser
James@Rosseru.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
JAMES R. ROSSFAC	190 MILLACE RD	248 7302423	
EMILY CAMIENEC	240 MILLACE RD	248-5636866	
KATHRYN SWITHBY	250 MILLACE RD	586 871-5139	
Lijuan Hwang Augusta	260 MILLACE RD	248 471 0779	
Marcia Klugauk	280 Millrace	408-9316	

Millrace Park



Disclaimer: The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise. FEMA Floodplain data may not always be present on the map.



L. Brooks Patterson
Oakland County Executive

Date Created: 11/25/2015



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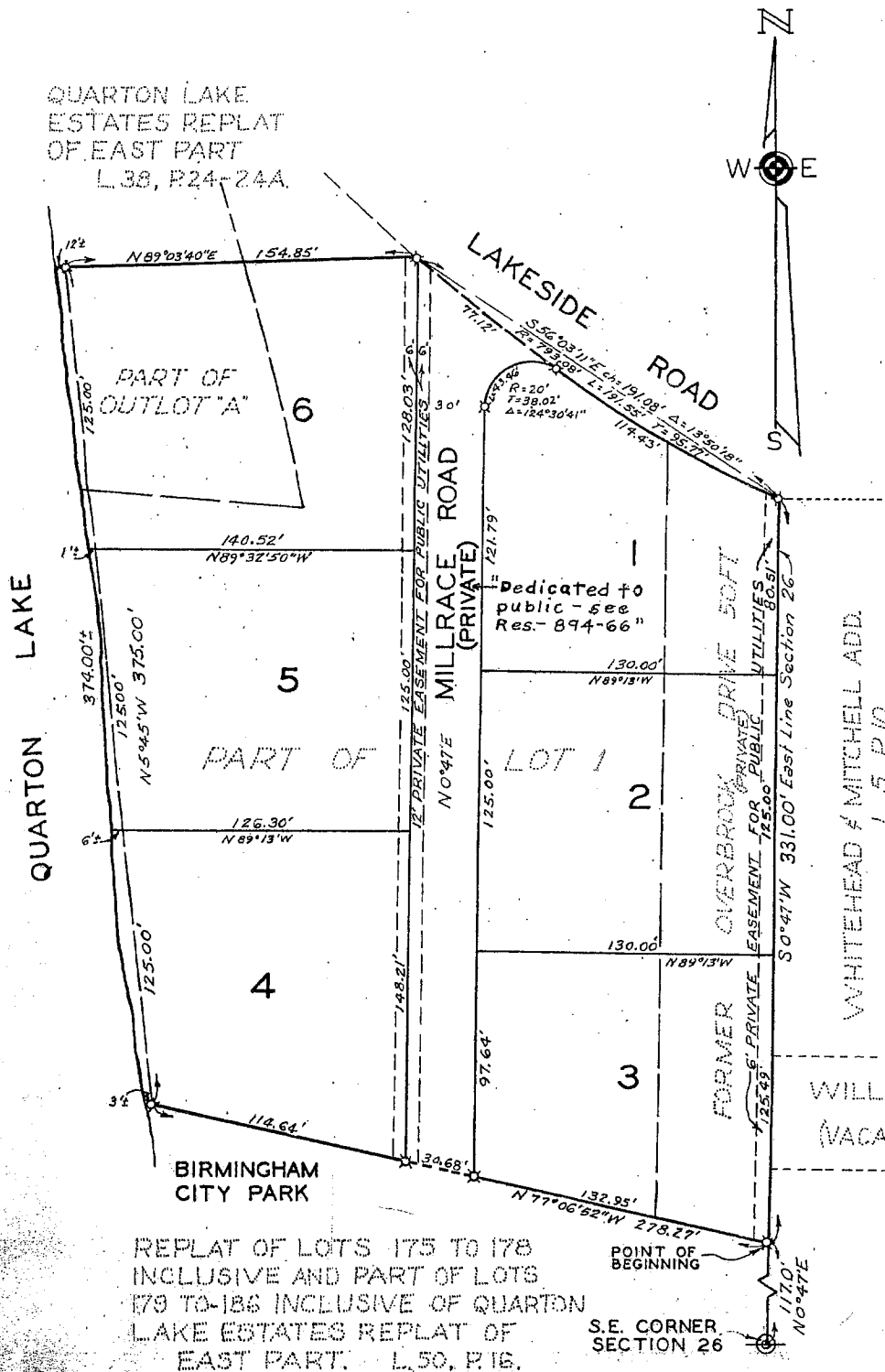
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MILL POND
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To: Joellen Haines

From: Leslie Pielack

RE: Mill Race, Mill Pond, and Associated Historic District

Date: November 25, 2015

The history of the area known as Quarton Lake near Maple Road is connected to the earliest settlement period of Birmingham. The lake is actually a former mill pond, actually called “**Mill Pond**” for many years and seen on old maps.

Originally, there were two outlets from the **Mill Pond**; a branch of the Rouge River and the **Mill Race**. (A mill race is the swift water channel used to turn the mill.) A saw mill (built in 1835), and a later a grist mill (added slightly later along the mill race), were important for the early success of the community. The grist mill was built by **Roswell T. Merrill**, after whom Merrill Street is named. Actually, Merrill had purchased this valuable tract of land from **Benjamin Pierce**, one of the first four founders of Birmingham (Pierce Street is named for him). When old documents and photos refer to the ‘**Old Mill**,’ it is this grist mill that is pictured.

Flour was milled there into the later 19th century, first producing a flour named *Pioneer Flour*, with the mill referred to as *Birmingham Mills*. Later, the flour produced there was sold as *Moss Rose Brand*.

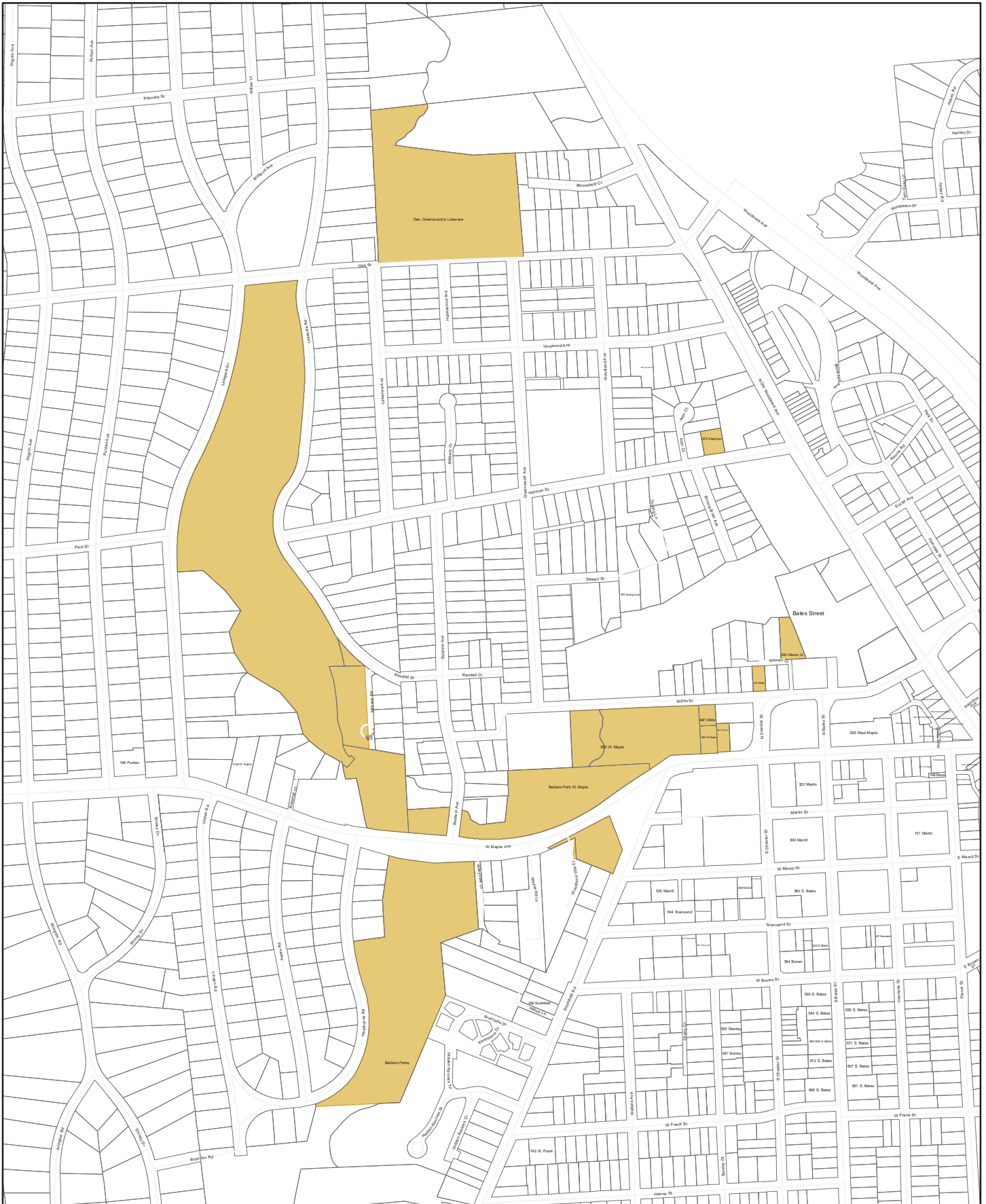
In 1918, a larger lake was formed by the building of a dam as part of the land development of *Quarton Lake Estates*. The former mill race apparently became a part of the Rouge River’s course diverted by the dam. Quarton Lake was named for the Quarton family that owned the land when the property was subdivided.


The role of the mills in the founding of Birmingham and its successful economy for its first 100 years is an important part of our story. The physical place where mill sites were located contributes to Birmingham’s sense of place and heritage. The street ‘Mill Race,’ is named for the mill race, which was in that location, and Birmingham’s **Mill Pond Neighborhood** and **Historic District** also reflect this history. Maple Road was also originally named **Mill Road** until the late 19th century.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Pielack

Mill Pond Neighborhood



 Mill Pond Neighborhood



10000 100 Feet



Millrace Rd. showing the Historical District designated in beige. Note: Millrace Rd. is a Cul-de-sac, and a portion of the road runs through Millrace Park, which is part of the designated Historical District.



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Article II, Section 78

Objectives: The Parks and Recreation Board shall promote a recreation program and a park development program for the City. The Board shall recommend to the city commission for adoption such rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct and use of parks and public grounds as are necessary to administer the same and to protect public property and the safety, health, morals, and welfare of the public.

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

Members must be electors of the City of Birmingham

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

Last Name	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Kaplan	Ross	(248) 645-6526 <i>rkaplan@neumannsmith.com</i>	10/22/2007	3/13/2017
Longe	Therese	(248) 258-6744 (313) 745-0138 <i>tmquattro@gmail.com</i>	3/29/2004 Chairperson	3/13/2019
McMaster	Nichole	(862) 812-1211 <i>nicholemcmasterr@gmail.com</i>	2/8/2016 Student Representative	12/31/2016
Meehan	John	(248) 644-5923 <i>john.meehan@att.net</i>	3/18/2002	3/13/2017

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Ross 1872 Derby	Ryan	(248) 705-6465 <i>ryan.countryside@gmail.com</i>	5/21/2012 Vice Chairperson	3/13/2018
Stevens 1243 Ruffner	Raymond	(248) 514-3740 <i>rastevens2@yahoo.com</i>	4/15/1996	3/13/2018
Stotland 698 Hanna	Lilly	(248) 433-3148 <i>lstotland@vescooil.com</i>	12/7/2015	3/13/2019
Wiebrecht 1714 Torry	William	(248) 703-6503 <i>billwiebrecht@wowway.com</i>	10/14/1991	3/13/2018



Fwd: Poppleton Park input

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 4:17 PM

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

Please add to the next agenda under Communication.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Allison Klein** <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 5:33 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park input

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Wood and the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department,

I am writing to provide my input on the evaluation of possible updates to Poppleton Park. While I attended the February meeting at which you received a great deal of resident feedback, I wanted to follow up to add some additional points from our family's perspective. As background, we have lived in Poppleton on Rivenoak Street for 2.5 years, and we have 2 small children (3.5 years and 1.5 years) with one more on the way, so we are very frequent park users (multiple times per week).

Overall, we agree wholeheartedly with the prevailing sentiment expressed at the meeting that we do not want to see Poppleton Park become overdesigned. The great appeal of this park, in particular the expansive field between the play structure and Woodward Avenue, is that it provides an open, natural, and unplanned green area – something that is not as common among Birmingham parks. We would be extremely disappointed to see major formal engineered additions like vast hardscaped areas, a soccer field, etc.

While not supportive of vast changes to the park, we do feel there is some minor work that could improve upon its existing structure.

1. Seating area away from play structure. While we tend to gather by the play structure due to having small children, we understand that not all of our neighbors want to be within hearing distance of this more raucous area. A nicely landscaped area with several benches in conversational grouping would be a welcome addition, and perhaps could be located along the Oxford Street side somewhere midway between the play structure and Rivenoak Street in a way that would take advantage of shade trees already there.

2. New play structure. While the current play structure has several good features and is heavily used, new equipment could help address a few safety concerns and be even better designed for younger and older children alike. The current structure does a really good job of being accessible to small children (mine have played on it before they've turned 1 year old) thanks to the ramp and low height – we would certainly like to see similar accessibility for the youngest children in a new structure. It also has the benefit of being relatively free-form and

non-prescriptive about the equipment uses. Unfortunately we have not found this to be the case with other recently redesigned Birmingham parks. The equipment at Barnum is simply too uni-task and frankly not fun to my children – the items are heavy and difficult to manipulate and do not provide the opportunity for free exploration and movement the way a single larger climb-on structure (such as Poppleton's current) does. Booth Park's equipment is not conducive to allowing young children to play independently – it is too difficult to track their location in the maze like older children's structure, and the younger children's areas do not provide enough interest to capture their attention. Overall, we feel a structure similar to the current Poppleton structure but in updated (non-rusted) materials is the best approach (or similar to what is found at Beverly Park).

3. Swings. Our main concern with the swings is that the "baby" swings are so far away from all of the other play equipment, so it can be difficult to keep an eye on our children at once when they want to use these different sections. We would also recommend one additional baby swing and having them placed in an area to receive as much shade as possible throughout the day – all parents we've seen at the park with very small children do their best to keep them well shaded from the sun.

4. New sandbox area with shade. This is a very popular feature at the park and should be kept. It would be nice to include umbrella coverage similar to Barnum Park to extend the shade that is sometimes provided by the nearby tree. The heavy metal excavator in the sandbox currently should be removed and not replaced. This piece of equipment is very heavy and difficult to use, such that only older kids are able to use it independently, and when they swing the scoop around they are risking injury to the small children who are always sitting and playing in the sand.

5. Improved bench and picnic seating by play structure. More thoughtful placement of benches and picnic tables would benefit this area, again with an eye toward providing shaded options and benches within close proximity to the equipment for parents to keep an eye on playing children. This does not need to be one large formal seating space with pergola as in Barnum Park – again, that space is more over-designed and hardscaped than what residents prefer for Poppleton.

We do not agree with suggestions to add bathroom facilities or after-hours lighting as some had suggested at the meeting.

We understand from the brief discussion at the February meeting that universal accessibility may be an issue in updating playground equipment. We feel these potential issues need to be made very explicit to residents in future meetings when it comes to making selections for new playground equipment, etc. so that we may better understand the tradeoffs between accessibility requirements and keeping the more naturalistic setting that is preferred for this park. We do not want to see yards and yards of paved paths and artificial turf as in Barnum Park, particularly when the need for such accommodations has not yet been determined, to our knowledge, one way or the other by any hard data.

Thank you for taking the time and expense to evaluate options for Poppleton Park. It is an incredible feature of our neighborhood and one we have strong opinions about! We are happy to clarify anything above if you need further information and will be happy to continue being involved in this process moving forward.

Thank you,

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 23, 2016
TO: Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: 2016 Projects

Please see below, an update to the Board on upcoming projects:

Quarton Lake:

Last fall, we removed invasive species at Quarton Lake Park based on recommendations in our Quarton Lake Habitat Restoration Plan, put together by Native Connections in 2014. The next step is to plant back native plants in the areas where the invasive plants were removed. We received a grant through the State of Michigan to accomplish this planting. City staff will oversee a contractor's planting 16 native trees at 2.5" caliper and 30 native container plants (understory trees and shrubs) at 10 gallon container size. The majority of the planting will take place on the west side of the lake, along the shoreline, between Oak and Pine streets. A small number of trees will be placed on the east side of the lake. Expected completion date is no later than May 31, 2016.

The split rail fence located at the park property North of Oak Street, along Lakeside and Lakepark will be removed upcoming. Boulders to match Quarton Lake will be set in its place.

Releaf MI:

We are partnering with ReLeaf MI and Birmingham Public Schools Pembroke Elementary PTA for a fundraiser to plant trees on school property or in a City park, as an Arbor Day promotion and celebration. Donated trees will be planted at a location or locations to be determined. We have received interest from a volunteer group from Groves High School to the plant trees in the parks if we have enough available.

Adams Park:

A meeting with Roeper school and Michael Dul was held to discuss the Adams Park Site plan. Discussion included features of the park the school would like to keep for their use and locations of such features. Also, the school will be under construction beginning in May 2016 to enhance the courtyard area on the school's property. Next steps are to meet with the neighborhood groups to receive input. Once a site plan is put together we will bring it to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Open Space:

We are resting Crestview Park open space this spring. Pembroke Park open space will be closed this fall for re-grading and seeding. We will most likely keep Pembroke Park closed for the spring 2017 season, to allow enough time for the seed to establish.

Buckingham/Cambridge City Property:

The City installed a 6 foot high chain link fence along the property line at this property, adjacent to the Railroad tracks. Prior to the fence installation, ITC (owner of the power transmission lines that run along the railroad tracks) cleared vegetation that provided a barrier between the City Property and the Railroad tracks. The area is considered part of the power company's right of way. As a response to the immediate safety issue, the City installed a chain link fence. Next steps will be to meet with the neighborhood association representatives to determine an appropriate plan for vegetation/planting. Maintenance will also be an important consideration.

Additionally, the neighborhood association often uses this space and has expressed interest in donating play equipment.

Poppleton Park:

City Staff held one meeting so far with the Poppleton Park Sub Committee to review public input received for the Poppleton Park Site Plan. Staff is researching further parking access and inclusive play equipment. Another Sub Committee meeting will be scheduled as soon as information is available.

Off Leash Dog Area (Dog Park):

We will be performing some re-grading and re-sodding of the dog park this spring. The entry way and hill is a consistent maintenance issue. We obtained quotes from qualified landscape companies to grade the hill area (not entirely, just enough to even it out), make sure the water will drain to wooded area, and install 4,000 sq ft of sod. Work will begin this month. For the entry way, we currently add mulch to the area. This has to be done several times a season because it tends to move. This spring, we will replace the mulch with a crushed limestone material, the same material we use on our walking paths around Quarton Lake and at Booth Park. We believe this will stay in place better and require less labor in the long run. The cost to do this work is reflected in the anticipated maintenance costs for this year.

Since its opening we have received the following suggestions and ideas from pass holders:

Small dog only area

Better area for dog bowls, drinking fountain and wash area

Toys/ Playground

Camera

Before we proceed with any improvement we would like to survey the dog park pass holders and possibly hold an "open house" right at the park to gather feedback. At this time, the funds are not enough to warrant major improvements.

Currently we have 220 Active Dog Park Pass Holders broken down to: 166 Residents and 54 Non Residents. Attached is an updated revenue vs expense sheet.

OFF LEASH DOG AREA (DOG PARK)

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		CURRENT YEAR		CUMMULATIVE TOTAL	
	OPENING JUNE 2011 + July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012		July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013		July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014		July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015		July 1, 2015- March 29, 2016		July 2011-April 29, 2015 (TOTAL)	
REVENUES												
Resident Passes Sold	159	\$7,950.00	147	\$7,350.00	122	\$6,100.00	144	\$7,200.00	102	\$5,100.00	674	\$33,700.00
Non-Resident Passes Sold	79	\$15,800.00	55	\$11,000.00	49	\$9,800.00	53	\$10,600.00	26	\$5,200.00	262	\$52,400.00
Replacement fobs Sold	48	\$480.00	16	\$160.00	4	\$40.00	11	\$110.00	6	\$60.00	85	\$850.00
Total Passes/Revenue	238	\$24,230.00	202	\$18,510.00	171	\$15,940.00	197	\$17,910.00	128	\$10,360.00	936	\$86,950.00
EXPENSES												
Maintenance and Administrative Costs		\$14,371.31		\$6,180.00		\$8,282.09		\$7,927.36		\$9,572.09		\$46,332.85
Supplies (trash bags, key fobs, etc)		\$800.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,600.00		\$6,900.00
Start up Costs (Fencing, Gate System, Construction Costs)		\$27,473.36										\$27,473.36
Total Expenses		\$42,644.67		\$7,680.00		\$9,782.09		\$9,427.36		\$11,172.09		\$80,706.21
INCOME/LOSS		-\$18,414.67		\$10,830.00		\$6,157.91		\$8,482.64		-\$812.09		\$6,243.79
TOTAL NET INCOME/LOSS		-\$18,414.67		-\$7,584.67		-\$1,426.76		\$7,055.88		\$6,243.79		

Other info:
220 Active Pass Holders: 166 Resident / 54 Non Resident

Possible improvements: (approx costs)
new drinking pad/spigot: \$2000-\$3000
fencing for small dog area: \$3000
leash post \$352
misting fire hydrant: \$1200
partial artificial k-9 turf: \$50,000
Camera \$8,000