



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Presentation To Art Stevens for 22 years of service**
- IV. Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Board Member**
 1. Heather Carmona
- V. Approval of the minutes of: Tuesday, March 6, 2018(*regular meeting*)**
- VI. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
 1. Placement of Eastern Hophornbeam Art Piece
 2. Proposed Outdoor Pickleball Facilities, presented by Oz Forrester
- VII. Communications/Discussion Items**
 1. Follow-up to inquiry about cell tower lease money, email from Jacky Brito dated March 29, 2018
 2. Consulting Services for Kenning Park Field Improvements
 3. Proposed 2018-2019 Capital Projects
 4. Adoption of City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan (*verbal*)
 5. Parks and Recreation Board Roster

6. DPS Upcoming Events

- a) Quarton Lake Garlic Mustard Pull @ Quarton Lake
 - Saturday, April 29th 2pm-4pm
- b) Annual City of Birmingham Ice Show
 - Friday, May 4th 7pm
 - Saturday, May 5th 7pm
 - Sunday, May 6th 2pm
- c) Annual DPS Open House
 - Saturday, May 12th 10am -2pm
- d) Annual Rouge River Clean-Up
 - Saturday, May 19th 9am-2pm

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

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

XI. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 1, 2018(DPS)

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

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan, John Meehan and Art Stevens

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** CeCe Cousins, Seaholm Student
Jakob Sayers, Seaholm Student

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

PRESENTERS: Sarah Traxler, McKenna Associates

GUESTS: Anne Bray and Cindy Rose

Therese welcomed CeCe Cousins and Jakob Sayers from Seaholm High School to the Parks and Recreation Board.

It was moved by Ryan Ross, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht the minutes of the Tuesday, February 6, 2018 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 6 Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-3 Ross Kaplan, John Meehan and Art Stevens

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Approve Resolution of Recommendation of City of Birmingham
2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Sarah Traxler, McKenna Associates representative reviewed the below changes that included:

- **Mapping** – Throughout the document's maps, correct the misspelled "Springdale Golf Course" and add the Ice Sports Arena to Kenning Park on all relevant maps.
- **Page 21** – Remove the sentence "Park bond funds in the amount of \$3 million were used for these improvements", per the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation during your last meeting.
- **Page 23** – Remove the word "historical" from the references to the Birmingham Museum Master Landscape Plan.
- **Page 31** – Crop the photograph in the upper left-hand corner.
- **Page 38** – Lincoln Hills Golf Course has two paragraphs repeated; the last one will be deleted. With the deletion of the final paragraph, the section will be as intended.
- **Page 51** – The levels in the table have a handful of typos, to be corrected thusly:
 - **Level 1** – (no proposed change): "The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible."
 - **Level 2** – (no proposed change) "The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible."
 - **Level 3** – "The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible, but may not be completely barrier-free."
 - **Level 4** – "The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways area paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas area easily accessible."
 - **Level 5** – (no proposed change): "The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation."
- **Page 86** – Add the preparation of the Poppleton Park Concept Plan as an accomplishment during 2012 – 2017.
- **Page 87** – Add #1 and #2 footnotes from prior pages.
- **Accepted Concept Plans, Etc.** – To create a comprehensive document and record related to parks and recreation in Birmingham, we propose to include all accepted or approved concept plans and master plans related to parks and recreation, not just those that were prepared since the 2012 plan was adopted.

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Sarah stated that more significantly the Commission discussed the Accessibility Ratings contained on pages 31 to 40 of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Sarah stated that the Master Sub-Committee met to discuss the accessibility ratings after Sarah performed additional detailed site observation following an inventory and inspection checklist for each of the 26 parks contained within the Birmingham parks system. Based on Sarah's findings from additional detailed observations and fieldwork, the accessibility ratings have been updated in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Sarah stated the topic of future grant applications to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) was raised. Sarah stated that she was questioned whether additional points would be granted from bringing a low-scoring park up to a higher score.

Sarah stated with discussions with the MDNR representative that covers SE Michigan, Sarah found that a community would not score higher just by nature of improving its accessibility rating. However, if a community's park improvement that is the subject of the application is explicitly designed to increase accessibility (especially to the standards of universal design), there are points that may be given for that purposeful and deliberate accessibility improvement.

Sarah stated that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented at the March 26, 2018 City Commission meeting.

It was moved by Ryan Ross, seconded by John Rusche to recommend the adoption of the City of Birmingham 5 Year 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Yeas – 6 Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-3 Ross Kaplan, John Meehan and Art Stevens

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1 Barnum Park Prescribed Burn

Carrie stated on April 13, 2017, at Barnum Park, the native planting beds were treated with a prescribed burn.

Carrie stated that the purpose of prescribed burns is to allow the native species to thrive and lessen the impact of invasive species, since native species have adapted to withstand the heat of the fire while the others have not. Native plants actually grow more vigorously after a burn.

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Carrie stated that David Boreman LLC has extended the pricing from last year. Carrie stated that a notification letter will be sent to neighboring residents, social media and website communication methods will also be used.

Carrie stated the fire department is aware of this project and will have a truck assigned to monitor work.

Carrie stated that the City of Birmingham hopes to expand this program in the future to other natural areas in the City including Quarton Lake and Booth Park.

Cindy Rose stated that the prescribed burn is an excellent idea.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 Barrier Free Accessibility, emails received

Lauren stated that the emails were received and were included in the Parks and Recreation Board packets for review.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Items

Therese Longe stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

Therese Longe adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

DATE: April 3rd, 2018
TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members
FROM: Brooks Cowan, City Planner
APPROVED: Jana Ecker, Planning Director
SUBJECT: Proposed Loan of *Eastern Hophornbeam*

On November 15, 2017, the Public Arts Board (PAB) reviewed and subsequently recommended approval for the loan of the Robert Lobe sculpture *Eastern Hophornbeam*. The Hill Gallery originally proposed this piece as a replacement for the Dennis Oppenheim sculpture, *Sound Heart*, which was removed from its location at the Baldwin Public Library (BPL) southwest lawn.

On December 18, 2017, the Library Board formally reviewed the *Eastern Hophornbeam*, stated their concerns about the sculpture in relation to its context and scale with the library's design, and ultimately voted to reject *Eastern Hophornbeam*.

Following the meeting, staff discussed with Hill Gallery the options regarding the proposed loan. The gallery owner Mr. Hill has expressed an interest in the following locations:

1. Booth Park along Booth Park Trail
2. Barnum Park (no specific location but a site that the Board and Community for Barnum Park recommends)
3. Shain Park (potentially at a corner that is currently not overwhelmed with competing structures)

Mr. Hill has also indicated that he does not have a strong preference over any location in the City and would be happy to let the PAB decide where to place it. He also stressed the importance of placing it somewhere with ample foot and or vehicular traffic.

On January 17, 2018 the Public Arts Board discussed potential locations for the *Eastern Hophornbeam*. They voted for Booth Park as their number one priority due to its proximity to the trail, forest, and Old Woodward, with the exact location to be determined later. The Public Arts Board has yet to place a sculpture in Booth Park, and would like to have it visible from Old Woodward.

On March 21st, 2018 it was brought to the Public Arts Board's attention that there are a number of potential new projects planned for Booth Park, and the approved location may conflict with park activities. The Board decided to keep Booth Park as their number one priority. If this space was not approved, it was decided that Barnum Park is their second priority for placement of the sculpture, with its exact location to be determined. There was consensus from the Board that

Barbara Heller and Anne Ritchie would meet to determine recommended locations within each park.

On March 28th, 2018 members of the Public Arts Board met with City staff to determine recommended locations in each park. Aerial images and photos of the area have been provided that indicate the proposed placements for *Eastern Hophornbeam* in both Booth Park and Barnum Park.

SUGGESTED MOTION

To recommend approval of the proposed 1-year loan of *Eastern Hophornbeam* to the City Commission at the proposed site at Booth Park

OR

To recommend approval of the proposed 1-year loan of *Eastern Hophornbeam* to the City Commission at the proposed site at Barnum Park

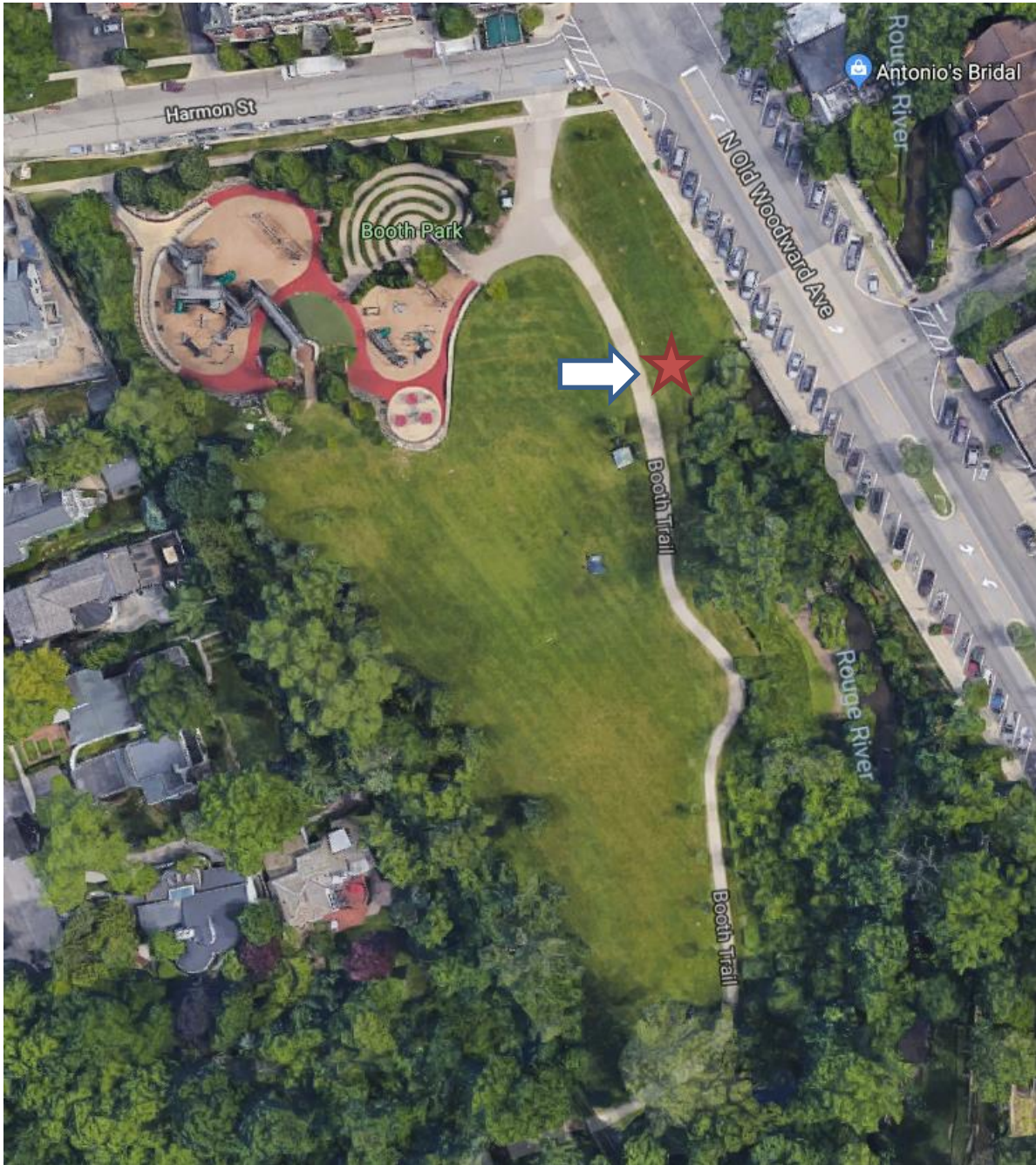
OR

To postpone approval of *Eastern Hophornbeam* until a suitable location has been identified

OR

To recommend denial of the proposed loan of *Eastern Hophornbeam*.

Booth Park



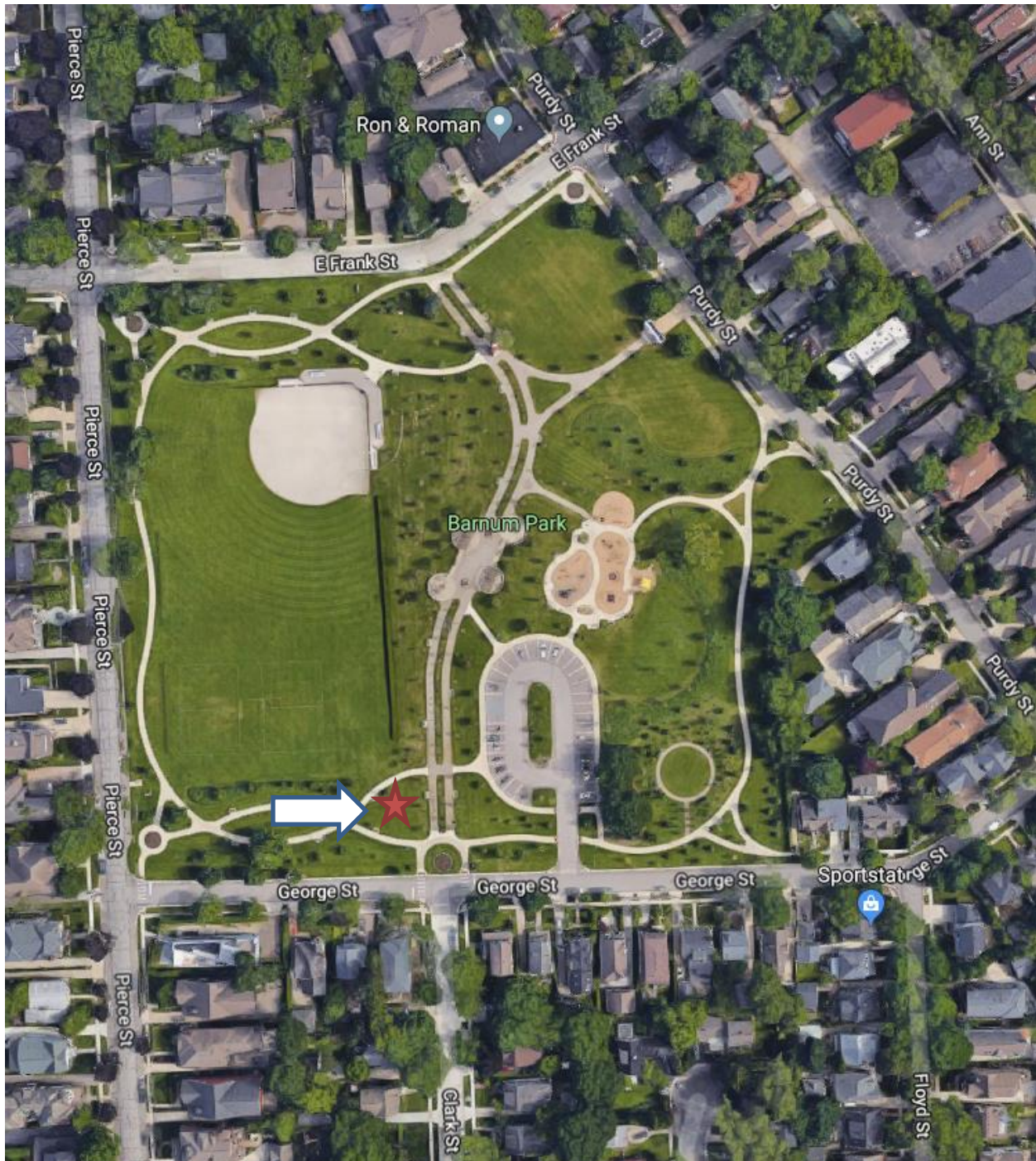
Booth Park



Booth Park



Barnum Park



Barnum Park



Barnum Park





Robert Lobe *Eastern Hophornbeam* 1993 Hammered and tempered aluminum Chicago, Burnham Park





ROBERT LOBE

1945 Born Detroit, MI
 Lives and works in New York, NY

EDUCATION

1963-67 B.A., Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
1967-68 Hunter College, New York

AWARDS & GRANTS

2008 Pollock-Krasner Foundation
2001 Joan Mitchell Foundation
1994 Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation Grant
1993 Elizabeth Foundation
1992 Pollock-Krasner Foundation
1985 Guggenheim Sculptor in Residence, Chesterwood, MA
1984 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship
1982 Creative Arts Public Service Award
1979 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, OH
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, NY
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
Menil Collection, Houston, TX
Mihama-Cho International Outdoor Sculpture Garden, Japan
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

An abstract sculpture by Diana Al-Hadid, featuring a complex arrangement of layered, carved wooden blocks and panels. The sculpture is heavily textured with intricate carvings and is painted with various colors, including shades of blue, green, and purple. The overall form is tall and somewhat columnar, with a sense of depth and complexity. The title 'sculpture' is overlaid in a large, light blue, sans-serif font.

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Diana Al-Hadid
Arnaldo Pomodoro
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ROBERT LOBE Nature as Effigy

BY CAROLEE THEA

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation's public art program has consistently fostered the creation and installation of temporary public art throughout the five boroughs. Robert Lobe recently joined a long list of distinguished artists who have exhibited in Brooklyn's Prospect Park, among them, Roxy Paine and Mark di Suvero. But, how many of these artists have told a story so valuable?

In the 19th century, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux gained widespread acclaim for co-designing many well-known urban parks, among them Central Park and Prospect Park. Olmsted arrived at his practice after working as a reporter in the Antebellum South, where he witnessed war's devastating effect on nature. His design criteria aimed to uphold natural conditions rather than to appease the cultural will to control and, ultimately, to destroy. Lobe's three-part sculptural series, "Nature in Nature," reinforced the ideas of Olmsted's natural landscape.

Lobe has been working as a sculptor since the 1960s, when in an effort to disrupt Minimalism, he scattered shards of metal, rubber, wood, and rope on the floor. The Whitney Museum featured one of these scatter pieces in the 1969 exhibition "Anti-Illusion: Procedures/Materials," along with works by Carl Andre, Lynda Benglis, Robert Morris, Bruce Nauman, Richard Serra, and Keith Sonnier, among others. According to Lobe, "Organizing the scatter pieces...permitted variability and implied motion. Today I realize how closely these assemblies resemble the detritus where I forage for ideas in nature."

In the early '70s, Lobe began looking directly to nature, first in the "Stone Clones," a series of large-scale, extrapolated portraits of stones in hollow, laminated wood structures. He then moved to hammering aluminum around construction materials from the World Trade Center, found in the Battery Park landfill. Lobe chose aluminum "because of its artificial and industrial association, distinctly opposite that of weathered wood." Both bodies of work were exhibited at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza in 1977.

Subsequently, the process of *repoussé* allowed him to work outdoors. In the solitude of the Adirondacks and on the Appa-



Opposite: *Nature's Clock*, 2005. Heat-treated hammered aluminum, 11 x 9 x 14 ft. Above: *Stone Clones*, 1976. Aluminum, view of installation at the Battery Park landfill.

lachian Trail, along the coast of Nova Scotia, he found new freedom and a personal transcendence. Since then, he has worked in a number of natural environments: "It was possibly my memory coupled with those wild landscapes that made my connection to nature more profound."

Lobe describes his process as first wandering around in the woods, then choosing the trees that he will trace. He hammers the sheet metal around trunk and branches with fasteners that leave the joints exposed; seams and bolts remain visible so that viewers can peer inside and see that the object is hollow. So, what might appear excessively heavy is relatively light, and by drawing attention to the gap between the real thing and the image, the artifice is exposed. The sculptor transforms nature into a facsimile, a death mask or an effigy of the natural form.

Lobe's works mimic the natural, while their industrial materiality brings to mind something out of George Miller's post-apocalyptic film *Road Warrior*, a world where nature has been poisoned by humanity's ravaging abuses. As such, the sculptures act as a memento mori, part of a tradition

in art dating back to antiquity and always sharing the same purpose, to remind man of his mortality.

In "Inside/Outside: Treelines," a group show at Abington Art Center in 2006, Lobe's large, outdoor work *Metamorphosis* and the indoor *Angel* created a profound scenario focusing on artifice and how nature has been altered. Lobe's aesthetic is low-key; his work doesn't try to muscle its way into our field of vision. It looks at home in a natural setting, but it also sets up a situation in which you detect its harmony, as well as its departure from the place in which you find it. Libby Rosof, writing on theartblog.org, says, "Robert Lobe's beaten aluminum tree sheaths look like body armor for the trees. His pieces are also a reminder of the gargantuan scale of trees while the surfaces and shapes evoke elephant skin."

Lobe belongs to an American tradition of artists whose work attempts to mirror the beauty of nature and human impact on the land. While 19th-century painters such as Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt, and Thomas Moran depicted nature in its pristine grandeur, photographers of the same era, including A.J. Russell, Carleton



Watkins, and W.H. Jackson, not only captured the beauty of the wilderness frontier, but, in documenting human progress, also recorded the damage caused by mass migrations to the West. By the middle of the 20th century, with countless remnants of destruction apparent in and out of American cities, artists like Robert Smithson and photojournalist Eugene Smith attempted to highlight the urgent necessity to restore balance to and understand the ecological relations conjoining humanity, industry, and the natural environment.

When I visited Prospect Park with Lobe, a man was fishing in the lake, where *Invisible Earth* was installed. The fisherman, who defined his sport as catch and release, said that bass are best found near a sheltering object such as the sculpture. In order to install this work, Lobe donned a wetsuit and dove into the Lullwater to make the footings—but the finished work appeared to float.

Just south of Prospect Park's 19th-century boathouse, on a grassy triangular intersection near a massive and ancient Camperdown elm (a variety immune to the Dutch elm disease that wiped out nearly all elms in North America), stood another of Lobe's hammered aluminum sculptures—*Antique Jenny*. The close proximity of the elm (nature) and the aluminum effigy (culture) made the contrast particularly strong. According to Lobe, "The idea of *Antique Jenny* grew out of contemplation of transcendentalism and the industrial revolution when the steam engine tore through the natural landscape." The third and largest of Lobe's three sculptures, *Nature's Clock*, perched on a hillock mimicking the sloped terrain.

The stylized forms of these works evoke the idea of archaic monuments ravaged by time. Their distinct location in the present, or even in some imaginary dystopian future, restructures the eternal dialectic of "man and nature" through artifacts made of reconstructed materials.

Recently, the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in Peekskill, New York, hosted an exhibition of three works on

Metamorphosis, 2005. Heat-treated aluminum, 116 x 86 x 40 in.



which Lobe collaborated with his wife, painter Kathleen Gilje. In *Kindred Spirits* (2009), *Appalachian Forest* (2010), and *Woodbury Quarry* (2011), Lobe's photographic documentation of his sites is transformed by Gilje into grisaille paintings and framed within a sculptural relief hammered out on rocks and trees from the places where the photographs were made. Lobe says, "We chose grisaille because its richness of grays is enhanced by the play of light in the monochromatic luster of hammered aluminum. But primarily, we wanted to interpret the exact same elements of the same place seen through the eyes of a painter and a sculptor." Lobe's work began as an effort to go past formal issues but migrated into another, more personal and spiritual realm based on a love of nature and a need to memorialize it in the face of inevitable destruction.

Above: *Invisible Earth*, 2007. Heat-treated hammered aluminum, 9 x 5.5 x 13.5 ft. Below: *Antique Jenny*, 2011. Heat-treated hammered aluminum, 11 x 5 x 14 ft.



Carolee Thea is a writer and curator living in New York. Her most recent book is *On Curating: Interviews with Ten International Curators*, published by D.A.P./Distributed Art Publishers.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 27, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

SUBJECT: Pickleball

Attached is a proposal from Mr. Oz Forrester requesting outdoor pickleball courts to be installed at City of Birmingham Parks.

Mr. Forrester submitted a pickleball request to the Parks and Recreation Board at the April 12, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, (exhibit A) which was discussed and forward to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Sub-Committee as stated in the April 12, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes, (exhibit B).

Pickleball is identified in the DRAFT Parks and Recreation Master Plan, "Chapter 6 Action Plan, page 84 under Table 8: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Park Enhancements to explore (Locations TBD)," (exhibit C).

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted at the March 26, 2018 City Commission meeting.

Suggested Resolution: To request the Administration pursue the evaluation of the existing tennis courts including usage and potential viable location for pickleball in Birmingham. In addition, during the investigation include associated costs for modification to existing tennis courts and the overall global impact of such change, in keeping with such items proposed as part of the action plan from the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Agenda Item #2



City of Birmingham

Parks & Recreation Board

Proposed pickleball facilities.

Oz Forrester 248 990 2387 linozfor@att.net

PICKLEBALL in BIRMINGHAM

Proposed pickleball facilities in Birmingham. Revised 3/12/18

Pickleball is a popular racquet sport, but we don't have enough courts. At NEXT, more than 60 people play at various times on the single temporary pickleball court in a gym shared with Midvale school, so availability is on a limited basis. 16 to 20 people are often waiting to play when it is available.

To provide enough outdoor courts to accommodate this many active senior pickleball players, let's convert a 2-court tennis venue into a 6-court pickleball venue. Trade 8 player max for 24 and offer open drop-in play every day.

A site such as Crestview Park on Southfield Rd offers ample parking, a water fountain, exact surface size & fencing to accommodate 6 pickleball courts. Streets and parkland separate courts from residences to help avoid conflict.



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

6:30 PM

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, March 7, 2017 (*regular meeting*)

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

1. Naming Contest Free Little Library for Barnum Park
 - a. Naming Contest Finalists
 - b. Naming Contest Winner

IV. Communications/Discussion Items

1. Springdale Shelter Concrete Project (*verbal*)
2. Proposed 2017-2018 Capital Projects
3. The City Commission Budget Session will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30 am at City Hall Commission Room
4. City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board Roster
5. Pickleball Request Received March 21, 2017
6. Articles
 - a) Vinsetta Garage owner's new bistro plans move forward
 - b) Duggan official: Detroit should sell golf courses
7. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Solicit Contractual Services
8. Upcoming Department Events:
 - a) DPS Open House-Saturday, May 13, 2017 (10am-2pm)
 - b) 2017 Rouge River Day Clean-Up-Saturday, May 20, 2017 (9am-12pm)
 - c) City of Birmingham Ice Show
 - Friday, May 19th (7:00 pm), Saturday, May 20th (7:00 pm)
 - Sunday, May 21st (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 2, 2017(DPS)

IX. 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.

PICKLEBALL in BIRMINGHAM

Proposed pickleball facilities in Birmingham. Revised 3/9/17

Birmingham is rich in leisure activity opportunities with a 26 public parks plus Quarton Lake and the woodchip path along the Rouge River. Sport/recreation areas, in addition to school property that is open to the public, include baseball/softball diamonds, Ice Arena, skate park, two 9-hole golf courses, 16 tennis courts, Birmingham Racquet Club, Forest Hills Swim Club, fitness clubs/gyms, NEXT and even a dog park.

.Pickleball is a fast growing racquet sport that combines skills of platform & traditional tennis, played on a 20x44 foot court using a paddle & plastic whiffle ball. Origin of the name is debated! The national pickleball association is USAPA & the local group is SMPA, Southwest Michigan Pickleball Association which started in Royal Oak.

Beverly Hills, Rochester, Troy, Royal Oak & other communities have either or both outdoor & indoor pickleball courts. Birmingham has one pickleball court open to the public at NEXT in a gym shared with a grade school so access is limited. The Ice Arena offered courts Jun 1 thru Aug 1. These temporary courts are greatly appreciated, but do not address the need for all-season courts.

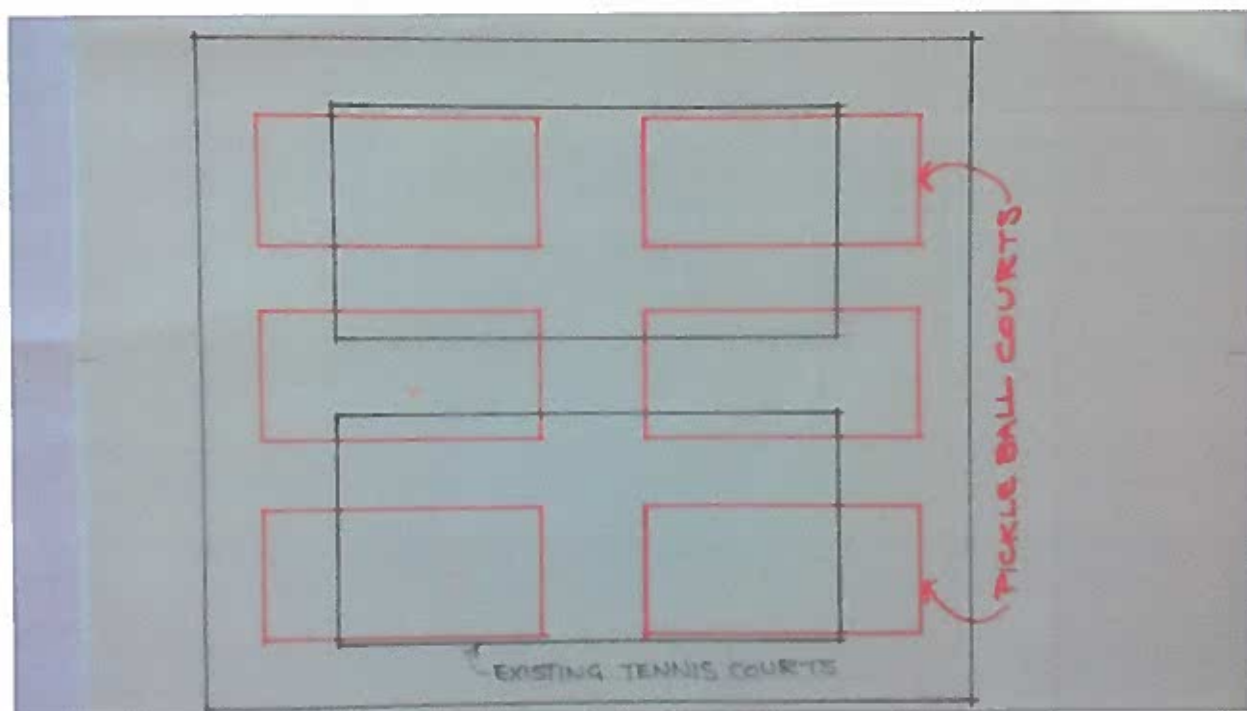
Existing tennis courts at Oak Blvd & Glenhurst Drive.

The most cost-effective method is to convert this existing 2-court tennis surface into a 6-court pickleball venue.

Remove tennis nets, repair the freeze-damaged playing surface as required, paint over lines on playing surface, add pickleball lines, posts & nets. Tennis net posts can be pulled from their sockets & posts inserted into those sockets to support a low fence to separate pickleball courts.

Ample street parking is available. A water fountain is on site.

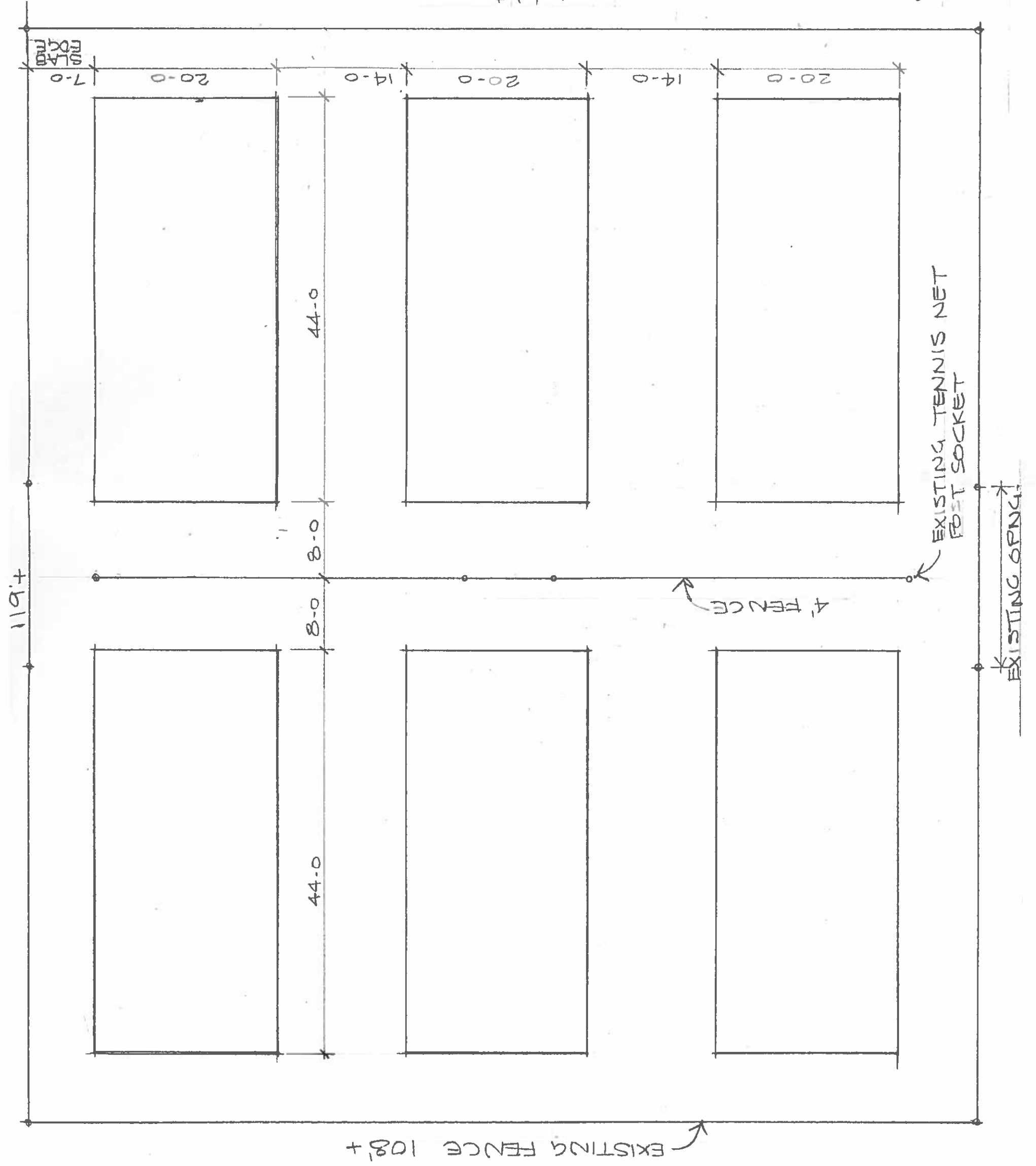
Exterior fencing is perfect for pickleball. This conversion will permit a potential of 24 pickleball players v 8 for tennis.





PROPOSED
PICKLE BALL
COURTS ON EXISTING
TENNIS SURFACE
AT GLENHURST &
OAK BLVD.

OZ FORRESTER
3/10/17
3/32 = 1-0



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017

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, Ryan Ross, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Joey Kummer, Seaholm Student

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Ben Gould, Groves Student

ADMINISTRATION:

Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS:

Elaine Hazel, Anne Honhart, Duke Lasser,
Audrey Noser, Tracy Richardson,
Cindy Rose and John Rusche

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan that the minutes of the March 7, 2017 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 6 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Ryan Ross, John Meehan,
Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-1 Art Stevens

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Naming Contest Free Little Library for Barnum Park

Therese stated that staff from the Department of Public Services organized a naming contest for the Free Little Library that is located at Barnum Park. Therese stated there were fifteen entries received and there were no age limits and that the naming contest was well publicized. Therese stated that some of names were derived from an entity and others chose to name the owl as an individual or character.

Therese stated that Parks and Recreation Board were to ask to come to the Parks and Recreation Board meeting tonight with their three favorites. Therese stated that there are three yellow dots for each Parks Board member and that the board member will place a dot next to their three favorites.

Therese stated that once the dots are placed Carrie and Connie will confirm the dots and then the Parks and Recreation Board will vote again with the single green dots.

AGENDA ITEM #1b – Naming Contest Finalist

Therese stated that the three finalists are Hoot's Birmingham Book Exchange, Wordsworth and Barney.

Therese stated to the Parks and Recreation Board member's to take their green sticker and cast their vote for the winner.

AGENDA ITEM #1b – Naming Contest Winner

Therese stated that the winner of the naming contest is Barney that was entered by Anne Honhart.

It was moved by Lilly Stotland, seconded by John Meehan to name the Free Little Library located at Barnum Park Barney.

Yeas – 6 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Ryan Ross, John Meehan,
Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-1 Art Stevens

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #1 Springdale Shelter Concrete Project

Carrie stated that concrete located at the Springdale Shelter needed to be replaced and that bids were received for the project. Carrie stated that edge drain will be added and that the City of Birmingham Engineering Department will be assisting in the inspection of the project.

Carrie stated that department will be awarding the project to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company and that it is on the City Commission Agenda for Thursday, April 13, 217 meeting.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #2 Proposed 2017-2018 Capital Projects

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board 2017-2018 Capital Projects and also the items for budgets years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Lauren stated that these items are over and above the regular department operational expenses.

Therese asked Lauren if the department is working on Adams Park with the Adams Park Master Plan and any of the costs reflected in the capital amounts provided.

Lauren stated that funds the department requested to be included for Adams Park will not be advanced by the City Manager at this time. Lauren stated that there is money in the budget currently but not as near enough for a development project for 2017-2018.

Carrie said that the soccer field and baseball diamond located at Barnum Park will be re-graded this fall, 2017

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #3 The City Commission Budget Session will be held on Saturday, April 22nd

Therese stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the City Commission Budget session date and time.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #4 City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board Roster

Connie provided the updated City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board Roster

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #5 Pickleball Request

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a request that was received from Mr. Forrester for pickleball for an outdoor court. Connie stated that the pickleball request would be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Sub-Committee.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #6a Vinsetta Garage owner's bistro plans move forward

Bill asked Lauren if there has been any contact from the City of Birmingham Planning Board regarding parking available in the Kenning Parking lot across from the proposed Lincoln Yard bistro.

Bill stated that he understands that the current plan for Lincoln Yard really uses all of the available parking including parking for their neighbor on the west side but if Lincoln Yard expands as they plan to have roof seating there will be a great lack of parking on their proposed facility and they would have to utilize parking elsewhere and they have made no contact with the Department of Public Services about what the current usage is of Kenning Parking lot and believe the Kenning Parking lot is pretty well used up most of the year.

Bill stated that Lincoln Yard although it is nice to have a bistro they need to provide their own parking and not utilize the public parking at Kenning and that the City of Birmingham Commission should be made aware of the utilization of the Kenning Parking when the city commission reviews this for possible inclusion as one of the bistros that the city commission is going to allow this year.

Therese stated that when the bistro ordinance was first brought forth it was a way to try to reenergize what were many vacant spaces in the downtown and it was envision for the downtown where people used meter parking and decks. Therese stated that this would be a new use of it in a place that doesn't have necessarily metered parking.

Therese stated that bistro ordinance requires that bistros provide parking based on the interior space and that there is a calculation based on square footage and a ratio that the planning board uses and it does not count seats or employees it just counts square footage.

Therese stated to Bill that the calculation only counts the interior square footage and the bistro ordinance does not require bistros to provide parking for the outdoor spaces or the roof top space.

Therese stated according to the **Eccentric** article of **March 10, 2017 that was provided in our packet** the inside seating will be 65 and the potential outdoor spaces are 132 so that is double of the inside space. Therese stated that the parking is a concern that if the bistro was full on a busy night they could have more demand of parking.

Therese stated that there are activities that occur at **Kenning Park involving** the Birmingham Ice Arena, Birmingham Little League, Birmingham Racquet Club and the Forest Hill Swim Club have activities that occur during the same time as the hours of the proposed bistro.

Therese stated that when the Forest Hill Swim Club has meets or when the Birmingham Ice Arena host hockey tournaments and the annual ice show overflow parking would go onto Lincoln.

Therese stated the parking is a concern that needs to be brought to the city commission's attention and that the Parks and Recreation Board would like more information about how the bistro is going to accommodate those extra parking spaces that there not currently required to accommodate without infringing on parking that is meant for sports activities.

Bill stated that on the last statement of page one of the article it states, "I think this is a great and I think it's going to do really well," Boyce said. "But by far this is the biggest bistro we're going to have... the idea of a bistro is a smaller establishment – and this isn't it."

Bill states that this is not a bistro and that one member of the planning board has acknowledged that it is not a bistro.

Joey Kummer stated that one potential solution that the bistro could have would be to reduce the outdoor seating and that the extra space could be used for additional parking.

Therese stated that could be a potential solution but the City Commission would have to recommend that.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

Therese asked Lauren if the comments regarding the proposed Vinsetta Garage Bistro be passed on to the city commission meeting for Monday.

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COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #6b Duggan official: Detroit should sell golf courses

Connie provided an article about Detroit golf courses.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #7 Parks and Recreation Master Plan-Solicit Contractual Services

Lauren stated that a bid was just released for contractual services for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and that the bids are due back on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #8a-DPS Open House-Saturday, May 13, 2017 (10am-2pm)

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the DPS Open House date and time.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #8b-2017 Rouge River Day Clean-Up-Saturday, May 20, 2017 (9am-12pm)

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the 2017 Rouge River Clean-Up information.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #8c-City of Birmingham Ice Show

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the 2017 City of Birmingham Ice Show information.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Carrie stated that the prescribed burn is scheduled for Barnum Park on Thursday, April 13, 2017 weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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Table 8: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The following capital improvements are conceptual and subject to change based on annual prioritization; actual funding sources are largely undetermined during conceptual planning, thus, potential funding sources will be investigated and sought as projects move from the conceptual phase to design / funding phase.

ACTION	Completed (2012-2017)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Potential Funding Source(s) ¹
General Park Enhancements								
Continue general landscape maintenance and beautification		X	X	X	X	X	\$45,000	Donations / General Fund
General baseball/softball field maintenance		X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	ASA Grant / General Fund
General tennis court maintenance		X	X	X	X	X	\$60,000	General Fund
Installation of bike racks		X	X				\$20,000	General Fund
Installation of drinking fountains		X	X	X	X	X	\$50,000	Donations / General Fund
Land acquisition opportunities							TBD	Donations / General Fund
Open space maintenance (i.e., seeding, drainage and grading at various parks)		X	X	X	X	X	\$50,000	Donations / General Fund
Inclusive/Accessible Playground Enhancements ²			X		X		\$100,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Reforestation of public property		X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Site furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, tables)		X	X	X	X	X	\$80,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Installation of electric outlets			X				TBD	Donations / General Fund
Installation of park shelters (location TBD)			X				\$20,000	Donations / General Fund
Update park signage (new logo and supplemental signs)	■							
Park Enhancements to Explore (Locations TBD)								
Pickle ball court development							TBD	TBD
Installation of splash pad							TBD	TBD
Platform tennis court development							TBD	TBD
Installation of wi-fi and mobile device charging stations							TBD	TBD
Adams Park								
Implement Adams Park Master Plan ²			X	X			\$582,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants Public-Private Partnership
Develop Adams Park Master Plan	■							

■ Completed 2012 – 2017

X Planned for 2018 – 2022

Explore and potentially implement 2018 – 2022

¹ Public-private partnerships (P3s) will be investigated and implemented whenever feasible and determined to be in the public interest; projects listing P3s as a funding have already been identified

² Inclusive / accessible playground enhancements will meet or exceed ADA accessibility standards

Fwd: Cell Tower Fees

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 9:02 AM

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

For the agenda item.

Thanks

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

From: "Jacquelyn Brito" <jbrito@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mar 29, 2018 8:22 AM

Subject: Cell Tower Fees

To: "Lauren Wood" <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc:

To follow up from the inquiry regarding the cell tower fees for the golf courses.

We are receiving the monthly fees for the cell towers and they are recorded in the lease payments line item. If these companies add additional equipment to the towers then we would receive additional monies and they would be recorded on the cell tower line item. That is why we do not show any activity on the cell tower line items the past couple years.

Thank you,
Jacky



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 27, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Consulting Services for Kenning Park Field Improvements

The City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Little League (BLL) entered into a Donation Agreement on December 11, 2017 in the amount of \$303,000 for improvements as it relates to Fields #2 and #3 at Kenning Park. The Donation Agreement has been signed by both parties and the amount of \$303,000 has been received by the City from BLL.

A Kenning Park Master Plan was prepared by The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) during 2013 and received by the City Commission at their March 24, 2014 meeting. Plus, in advance of the parking lot project the City hired The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) for landscape architectural services as it relates to Kenning Park Parking Lot improvements.

The request by the Birmingham Little League was to contribute to the improvements of the two existing fields on the easterly edge of the park property. This renovation to the two fields referred to fields 2 and 3 will include some of the following field improvements; they will be in their current location, they will be rotated to achieve optimal positioning and layout, infield grass construction, irrigation, new fencing, grading/shaping and other site enhancements for the reconfiguration of the existing two 200 foot fields.

The City hired Nowak & Fraus Engineers to perform a boundary, topographic and tree survey for Kenning Park, which is close to being finalized. The new survey will be incorporated into the existing property survey. This survey will then allow JHLE to prepare a final design, construction drawings and bid documents for the two field enhancements.

Based on the extensive knowledge and work experience JHLE has with Kenning Park over the years and in order to provide for a seamless transition for the necessary scope of services to perform Phase II of the Donation Agreement, we solicited a proposal from JHLE for this project. Phase II provides for the City, after receipt of the funds, to undertake construction drawing and bid specifications for the bidding of the project. JHLE provided a proposal for design development, construction documentation, bidding period services and construction project management services for an amount not to exceed \$24,700. We would proceed one step at a time with them and can stop work at any given time, to pay for only work performed, based on the conditions of the Donation Agreement.

Phase I of the Donation Agreement was prepared by JHLE which provided for a draft redesign of fields 2 and 3 and preliminary cost estimates of about \$152,000 per field. After such time the City met with BLL to prepare and finalize the Donation Agreement for presentation to the City Commission.

If the project is awarded, after bids are received, we anticipate construction to begin after the 2018 baseball season ends and all uses of the City fields at Kenning Park conclude. Based on the proposed schedule, it is the plan to have the two renovated fields ready for play for the start of the 2019 season.

The term for the consulting Agreement between JHLE and the City of Birmingham for these services will have an end date of May 31, 2019. This will afford ample time for all final punch list items to be completed and any final project payments for the work performed by the selected Contractor.

The City Commission at their March 26, 2018 meeting approved proceeding with JHLE for landscape architectural consultant services as outlined above. We intend to provide periodic updates to the Parks and Recreation Board via the Kenning Park Field Sub-Committee which is comprised of Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 21, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Capital Projects for 2018-2019 - Proposed

As part of the budget process, the Department of Public Services submits proposed budget requests for the upcoming fiscal years to the City Manager. These are recommended expenditures and may not become part of the final budget. The Capital Improvement Project items for budget years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 are listed below. The 2019-2020 items are only planned for at this time. All of the capital improvement requests are items over and above regular department operational expenditures.

2018-2019

\$25,000 Shain Park Musical Equipment
\$30,000 Barnum Park Two (2) Shade Structures
\$30,000 Replace Split Rail Fence Quarton Lake & Manor
\$25,000 Springdale Shelter Site Furnishings
\$35,000 Crack Repair Tennis Courts – St. James/W. Lincoln
\$50,000 Booth Park Restroom
\$25,000 Drinking Fountains - Parks
\$25,000 Trail System Improvements
\$303,000 Kenning Park Phase 1 Master Plan Implementation

2019-2020

\$30,000 Barnum Park Install Electrical Outlets
\$25,000 Trail System Improvements
\$25,000 Drinking Fountains - Parks
\$30,000 Benches/Trash Receptacles
\$25,000 Bike Racks Various Parks
\$30,000 New Backstops/Fencing (St. James and Poppleton)
\$35,000 Crack Repair Tennis Courts – Poppleton/Pembroke Parks
\$25,000 Poppleton Park Softball Field Improvements
\$25,000 Howarth Park Ballfield Renovations
\$600,00 Rouge River Trail Corridor Selected Master Plan Improvements

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

Two alternate 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
Carmona 887 Lakeview Ave.	Heather	(248) 867-1346 <i>htcarmona@sbcglobal.net</i>	3/12/2018 Registered Voter	3/13/2021
Cousins 1687 Webster	Cecilia	(248) 520-5969 <i>cecilia.cousins@gmail.com</i>	2/26/2018 Student Representative	12/31/2018
Kaplan 635 Oak	Ross	(248) 645-6526 <i>rkaplan@neumannsmith.com</i>	10/22/2007 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2020
Longe 1253 Yosemite	Therese	(248) 258-6744 (313) 745-0138 <i>tmquattro@gmail.com</i>	3/29/2004 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2019

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Meehan 656 Chester	John	(248) 644-5923 <i>john.meehan@att.net</i>	3/18/2002 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2020
Noble 1160 Lake Park Dr.	Eleanor	(248) 417-7777 <i>elliecnoble@hotmail.com</i>	7/10/2017 Alternate	3/13/2020
Ross 1872 Derby	Ryan	(248) 705-6465 <i>ryan.countryside@gmail.com</i>	5/21/2012 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2021
Rusche 358 Henley St.	John	(248) 731-7068 <i>jprusche@aol.com</i>	7/10/2017 Alternate	3/13/2020
Sayers 1264 South Eton	Jakob	(248) 804-2036 <i>xcrunner1042000@gmail.com</i>	2/26/2018 Student Representative	12/31/2018
Stotland 698 Hanna	Lilly	(248) 433-3148 <i>lstotland@vescooil.com</i>	12/7/2015 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2019

Last Name	First Name	Home Business	Appointed	Term Expires
Home Address		E-Mail		
Wiebrecht	William	(248) 703-6503	10/14/1991	3/13/2021
1714 Torry			Registered Voter in Birmingham	
		<i>whw989@wowway.com</i>		

2nd Annual Quarton Lake Garlic Mustard Pull

Join your neighbors Sunday, **April 29 from 2-4pm**

Help Preserve this Treasured Oasis for Our Local
Birds, Pollinators and Wildlife!



Garlic Mustard: is a non-native, invasive plant species quickly displacing our native plants. If left unchecked, this invader will forever change the natural balance of the Quarton Lake ecosystem.

All welcome to join us anytime between 2-4pm on the West side of Quarton Lake at Pine & Lake Park. Please bring work gloves and closed toed shoes.

To RSVP and for more details contact jawang1@comcast.net

Thank you to Holiday Market Select for providing refreshments!



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PROUDLY PRESENTS:

ICE UNIVERSE

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FRIDAY
May 4, 2018
7:00 PM

SATURDAY
May 5, 2018
7:00 pm

SUNDAY
May 6, 2018
2:00 pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE:
Monday, April 9, 2018
at the Birmingham Ice Arena
2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI

3-Day Pass Pricing:

Senior (Over 55) \$28
Children (7-12) \$22

Adult (19-24) \$34
Children (6 & younger) FREE

Student (13-18) \$28

SENIOR (Over 55)
ADULT (19-54)
STUDENT (13-18)
CHILDREN (7-12)
CHILDREN (6 & younger)

\$11
\$13
\$11
\$9
FREE



DPS Open House 851 S. ETON Birmingham, MI 48009

**Saturday, May 12, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Fun for the entire family with booths
on composting and maintaining lawns,
equipment displays plus hotdogs and
refreshments for all.**





Linden Park
Saturday, May 19, 2018
9:00 am – to noon
Registration begins at 8:30 am
Lunch will served at Noon

This year's activities:

- Removal of Invasive Species.



Recommended items to wear & bring:

- Boots or sturdy shoes
- Long pants & long-sleeve shirt
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Volunteers should dress according to prevailing weather conditions.

Mosquito repellent, gloves and bags will be provided.

Volunteers Needed

Community, churches, schools, environmental groups, scout troops and neighborhood associations are invited to help remove invasive species along the Rouge River.

***Anyone who wishes to volunteer is asked to call
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator at (248) 530-1642.***

