



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Welcome Student Representatives:** CeCe Cousins, Seaholm Student
Jakob Sayer, Seaholm Student
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of the minutes of:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018(*regular meeting*)
- V. Agenda Items**-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.
 - 1. Approve Resolution of Recommendation of The City of Birmingham 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- VI. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Barnum Park Prescribed Burn
 - 2. Barrier Free Accessibility, emails received
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- X. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 3, 2018(DPS)**

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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
February 9, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Meehan and Lilly Stotland

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

GUESTS: Deanna Dupuy, McKenna Associates, Anne Bray,
Joan Heinicke and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by John Rusche the minutes of the Tuesday, January 9, 2018 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-2 John Meehan and Lilly Stotland

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

Deanna Dupuy from McKenna Associates stated that changes were made to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan based on Administration comments and suggestions.

John Rusche asked about language on page 21, second paragraph, last sentence where it states, "Park bonds funds in the amount of \$3 million were used for these improvements", is unclear.

Therese stated that the \$3 million were for improvements at Shain Park.

Deanna stated that the sentence would be removed from a final adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Joan Heinicke stated that Quarton Lake needs attention and a possible plan to show what affects Quarton Lake environmentally and who uses Quarton Lake would be suggested.

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

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-2 John Meehan and Lilly Stotland

AGENDA ITEM #2 2017 Annual Golf Report

Jacky Brito reviewed the 2017 Golf Report that included a review of annual rounds, revenue and expenditure comparisons, the Junior Golf Program, a five-year financial projection and a forecast for the 2018 season. Jacky also reviewed the upcoming 2018 marketing strategies.

Jacky stated that an adaptive golf cart was purchased for the use at Lincoln Hills and Springdale Golf Course.

Jacky also discussed golf course improvements that will include new tee signs, adding cart paths where areas have experienced “wear & tear” and renovation to bridges at Springdale Golf Course.

Ross inquired about the cell tower fees received. Jacky stated that all fees have been collected. Bill stated that the cell tower fees are an annual fee.

Jacky stated that she would verify with the finance department the cell tower fees.

It was moved Ellie Noble, seconded by Ryan Ross to accept the Annual Golf Report – 2017 Review – 2018 Prospectus and recommend it be forwarded to the City Commission.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
John Rusche, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-2 John Meehan and Lilly Stotland

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

No Communications/Discussion Items

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Cindy Rose asked what happened to the proposed cross walk on Maple near Quarton Lake.

Lauren stated that the cross walk project is in design phase and the Engineering Department is in charge of that project.

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

Therese Longe adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 2/6/2018



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: February 26, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Recommendation

On February 6, 2018 this item was before you and returns again with some further revisions to the Draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Sarah Traxler with McKenna has provided the details of such revisions and the revised accessibility ratings in the attached letter dated March 2, 2018. McKenna performed additional site visits to re-examine and update such ratings, accordingly.

The City Commission held a Public Hearing on February 12, 2018 pertaining to the 2018 draft plan and the continuation of this Public Hearing will be at the March 26, 2018 City Commission meeting. In addition to some minor changes to some pages in the draft plan, the City Commission requested a review and update to the Accessibility Ratings starting on page 31 to page 40 of the plan document dated February 1, 2018.

Enclosed is a Resolution for the Parks and Recreation Board to consider adopting during the March 6, 2018 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. A copy of the adopted plan will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Once the City Commission adopts the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, final plan documents will be distributed to all Parks and Recreation Board members.

Suggested Resolution: To approve the Resolution of Recommendation of the City of Birmingham 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



March 2, 2018

Parks and Recreation Board
City of Birmingham
851 South Eton Street
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Subject: Proposed Revisions to the Draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Subsequent to the Parks and Recreation Board recommending adoption of the draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan on February 6, 2018, the City Commission held its required Public Hearing on the draft plan and considered the document during its February 12, 2018 meeting. A handful of “housekeeping” items were discussed (presented below), but – more significantly – the Commission discussed the Accessibility Ratings contained on pages 31 to 40 of the draft plan document dated February 1, 2018. Because of the substantive discussion, outstanding questions, and follow-up information requested, the City Commission adjourned the Public Hearing to March 26, 2018.

ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS

The February 1, 2018 draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan contained accessibility ratings that were based on the following information and observation:

- Review of current Parks and Recreation Master Plan accessibility ratings;
- Review of improvements to parks since 2012, when the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted;
- Field observation of Birmingham parks during late summer, 2017 (portion windshield / driving survey work, portion walking observation).

The City Commission questioned the accessibility ratings, noting that many of the ratings seemed too high (i.e. were ranked to be more accessible than they actually are) based on the ratings descriptions contained on page 51 of the plan.

Thus, on February 23rd, 25th, and 28th, 2018, I 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 my findings from my additional detailed observations and fieldwork, I recommend revising the accessibility ratings as described below.

Additionally, the topic of future grant applications to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) was raised; I was questioned whether additional points would be granted from bringing a low-scoring park up to a higher score. Per our discussions with the MDNR representative that covers SE Michigan, we found that a community won’t 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.

Birmingham's accessibility ratings (as proposed below) are on-par with similarly situated communities; remember that for a community of Birmingham's size (4.8 square miles), 26 parks is a significant number, and that the City's capital improvements surpass many communities with less robust park improvement programs.

Finally, it's important to note that in providing and developing public space, a community must balance many considerations (often competing valuable interests), such as those contained in the Goals and Objectives section of your draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. For example, Birmingham residents value undisturbed open space, natural environments, and as responsible environmental stewardship, which leads to some stakeholder not prioritizing the installation of concrete accessible pathways throughout parks (which would increase accessibility ratings). Additionally, at least a handful of the properties included in your parks system (well sites, especially) are not proposed to be improved at any time in the near future; thus, they are planned to have low accessibility ratings, and limited access by all.

It is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Board, and ultimately the City Commission, to weigh sometimes-competing priorities and determine the most appropriate course of action for individual parks AND the entire park system.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

As described above, the following proposed revisions to the draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan have been informed by the input of the City Commission; three days of fieldwork to reexamine the accessibility scores for each facility; and final housekeeping items, such as a typo and clarification on your parks and recreation inventory map.

Please refer to the February 1, 2018 draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document to track the below-proposed changes:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Page 23** – Remove the word "historical" from the references to the Birmingham Museum Master Landscape Plan.
4. **Page 31** – Crop the photograph in the upper left-hand corner.
5. **Accessibility Ratings** – We have performed additional site observation and analysis relative to the site accessibility ratings contained within the current draft plan, and propose the following revisions:


Park	Current Ranking	Proposed Ranking
Mini Parks:		
1. Baldwin Well Site	4	1
2. Derby Well Site	4	2
3. Pump House Park	4	1
4. Redding Well Site	4	1
5. South Well Site	4	1



Neighborhood Parks:		
1. Adams Park	4	2
2. Crestview Park	4	3
3. Howarth Park	4	3
4. Linden Park	4	2
5. Linn Smith Park	3	1
6. Manor Park	3	1
7. Martha Baldwin Park	4	2
8. Pembroke Park	4	3
9. Quarton Tennis Court	4	3
10. St. James Park	4	2
11. W. Lincoln Well Site	3	2
Community Parks:		
1. Birmingham Museum		
a. Site surrounding structure	3	4
b. Park and open space	3	1
2. Barnum Park	4	4
3. Booth Park	4	4
4. Kenning Park	4	3
5. Ice Sports Arena	4	4
6. Lincoln Hills Golf Course	3	4
7. Poppleton Park	4	3
8. Quarton Lake	4	3
9. Shain Park	4	4
10. Springdale Park and Golf Course	4	3

6. **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.
7. **Page 51** – The levels in the table have a handful of typos, to be corrected thusly:
 - a. **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.”
 - b. **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.”
 - c. **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.
 - d. **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.”



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- e. **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.”
 8. **Page 86** – Add the preparation of the Poppleton Park Concept Plan as an accomplishment during 2012 – 2017.
 9. **Page 87** – Add #1 and #2 footnotes from prior pages.
 10. **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.

I look forward to discussing these proposed changes with your group during your March 6, 2018 meeting; please let me know if you need additional information or have questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Sarah Traxler, AICP
Vice President



RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION

2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

For the City of Birmingham

Oakland County, Michigan

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham began the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Birmingham were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 12, 2018 in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has developed the plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation within the City of Birmingham.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board does hereby recommend adoption of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the City Commission.

Yeas: Nays: Absent:

I, J. Cherilynn Mynsberge, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 6th day of March, 2018.

DATE: March 2, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Barnum Park Prescribed Burn

In April of 2017, at Barnum Park, the native planting beds were treated with a prescribed burn. Last year's work was performed by a contractor that specializes in prescribed burns, David Borneman.



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.

During a follow-up visit, David evaluated the success of the burn. It was beneficial for the native plants and while there were still invasive plants, they were less frequent. Prescribed Burns are most advantageous if performed regularly, ultimately resulting in less need of spot treatment with chemical of invasive species. For this reason, we will be treating again this season with a prescribed burn at Barnum Park native planting beds.



Photo courtesy of Cindy Rose

David Boreman LLC has extended the pricing from last year. Attached is a packet from David Borneman for your review. Additionally, a revised notification letter is included customized for the City of Birmingham residents. Notification letters will be sent to neighboring residents, and we will also use social media and website communication methods per usual. The Fire Department is aware of this project and will have a truck assigned to monitor work. David Borneman's personnel come equipped with safety equipment and water tanks as well. We look forward to more positive results from prescribed burning and hope to expand this program in the future to other natural areas in the City including Quarton Lake and Booth Park.



**David
Borneman** LLC

www.RestoringNatureWithFire.com

2854 Parkridge Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

734.994.3475, Cell: 734.845.0634

davidborneman@yahoo.com

PRESCRIBED BURN PROPOSAL

Prepared for: City of Birmingham

Contact: Carrie Laird 248.530.1714
Connie Falk 248.530.1642

Prepared by: David Borneman, L.L.C.
2854 Parkridge Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
PH: 734.994.3475, Mobile: 734.845.0634
davidborneman@yahoo.com
FEIN: 37-1566550

Site: Barnum Park – 6 units, <1a



**David
Borneman** LLC
www.RestoringNatureWithFire.com

Project Proposal:

My fee includes the following services:

- Site Preparation – If needed, using a leaf blower to remove leaves from trails serving as burn breaks around the perimeter of the burn unit.
- Coordinating with Fire Department
- Posting “Caution-Smoke Ahead” signs on the nearest road during the burn
- Conducting the prescribed burn during spring 2016 including provision of all necessary equipment and personnel required to conduct the burn
 - All personnel assisting me will have prior burn experience and be adequately trained and briefed to participate in this burn safely.
 - All burn personnel will be equipped with the following personal protective equipment: fire retardant clothing, hardhat, face protectors, leather boots, and leather gloves.
 - I will provide one full-size, 4-wheel-drive truck equipped with a 300-gallon water tank and gasoline-powered water pump with hose; *Argo* ATV with mounted 65-gallon water tank, as needed, depending on site.
 - A full complement of additional hand tools and equipment will also be on hand to use as needed, including backpack water sprayers, drip torches, leaf blowers, rakes, two-way radios, cellular phone, etc.

Property owner is responsible for:

- Notifying neighbors and others in the immediate vicinity in advance about the upcoming burn, including phoning them on the day of the burn *if they request it*. (A sample neighbor notification letter is provided with this proposal.)
- Assisting with “PR” on-site during the burn, if possible.

Timing/Conditions:

I anticipate that the burn would happen sometime in the afternoon/early evening (between 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.) spring 2018.

Please remember that scheduling too far in advance is difficult because of the need for specific weather parameters during the burn. I would try to coordinate schedules with you a day or two in advance, and then confirm plans and exact times on the morning of the burn day.

Prescribed Fire Credentials:

- 29 years of professional experience conducting prescribed, ecological burns on thousands of acres.
- 24 years as Prescribed Burn Leader for City of Ann Arbor, Natural Area Preservation Division. In that capacity I coordinate the City’s entire Prescribed Burn Program, including leading burn trainings and overseeing a burn crew of up to 15 members.
- 19 years (over 400 burns on close to 10,000 acres) as Private Contractor conducting prescribed burns in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.
- 18 years on the Michigan Prescribed Fire Council’s Steering Committee. Past Chair.
- Certified as a Prescribed Burn Leader in Ohio and Illinois (no certification program exists in Michigan)

Prescribed Burn Training:

National Wildfire Coordinating Group:

- Introduction to Incident Command System (S-130)
- Squad Boss Training (S-131)
- Beginning Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190) – Certified at Level I
- Crew Boss/Single Incident Command (S-230)
- Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290) – Certified at Level I
- Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations (S-390) – Certified at Level I
- Smoke Management Techniques (RX 410)
- Introduction to Fire Effects (RX-310)
- Applied Fire Effects (RX-510)

The Nature Conservancy and Tall Timbers Research Station:

- Ecological Burning for Burn Leaders (10 days; equivalent to RX-300)

Insurance:

Commercial General Liability – \$1,000,000 per occurrence policy/\$2,000,000 general aggregate

Workers' Compensation - \$500,000

Commercial Auto Liability - \$1,000,000

Date of proposal/estimate: February 21, 2018

Cost:

Park	Unit Price
Barnum Park	\$2,375

NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION LETTER

Prescribed Burn

Greetings!

I am writing to let you know of our plans to conduct a **prescribed ecological burn** within the next several weeks on our privately-owned land at: _____.

This burn will be safe and carefully controlled by trained personnel. The company that has been contracted to conduct this burn is **David Borneman LLC**. David has over 28 years of professional experience conducting prescribed, ecological burns.

“Why Burn?” Fire was a regular and frequent component of our landscape here in southern Michigan. Many of our local ecosystems such as prairies, dry oak-hickory woodlands, and certain wetlands burned frequently. The fire stimulated many of the plant species to grow more vigorously and discouraged others who were not adapted to the heat from the fire.

Today, many non-native plant species have invaded our natural fire-adapted ecosystems, decreasing the diversity of native plants and animals. By bringing fire back to these sites we encourage the competitive advantage that native species have evolved with and restore the site to its former ecological health.

The prescribed burn is safe. The burn is done in cooperation and approval of the local fire department, which has issued a permit for this burn to be conducted. David has outlined the weather conditions, personnel, equipment, and other parameters needed for the burn to be conducted safely. Prior to burning, he creates “burn breaks” around the area to be burned to help control the fire. The burn is done in a slow and deliberate manner, with safety equipment on hand to monitor and control its spread. The burn will also be conducted in such a manner as to minimize the amount of smoke produced and to direct any smoke away from smoke-sensitive areas as much as possible. Due to the burn being weather-dependent, it is impossible to predict exactly when it will occur, though it is likely to occur between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have any special needs that require you to be notified by phone on the day of the burn, you may contact me at _____. If you have specific questions about prescribed burning, please visit David’s website: www.restoringnaturewithfire.com or contact him: davidborneman@yahoo.com, O: 734.845.0634.

Sincerely,

Past Clients Include:

Private landowners throughout Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana

Blandford Nature Center	Lawrence Technical University
Black River Ranch Hunt Club	Legacy Land Conservancy
Boy Scouts of America: Camp Greilick	Meridian Charter Township, MI
Canada Creek Hunt Club	Michigan Department of Natural Resources:
Charter Township of Canton	Landowner Incentive Program
Charter Township of Chikaming	Michigan Department of Military and Veteran
Charter Township of Pittsfield	Affairs: Fort Custer Training Center
Charter Township of Plymouth	Midforest Lodge Hunt Club
Charter Township of Springfield	Michigan Audubon Society
Charter Township of Superior	Monroe County Parks
Charter Township of Oakland	MSU Credit Union
Charter Township of Williamstown	Niswander Environmental, LLC
City of Detroit, Belle Isle Park	Oakland County Parks
City of Southfield	Oakland County Intermediate School District
Dahlem Nature Centre, Jackson, MI	Ottawa County Parks
Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids	Parklands Foundation, IL
Ducks Unlimited	Pfizer, Inc.
Erie Marsh Hunting and Fishing Club	Pall, Inc.
Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.	Reformed Church of America
First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor	Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Golder Associates, Inc.	Starr Commonwealth
Grosse Ile Land Conservancy	Steelcase, Inc.
Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA)	The Nature Conservancy
Hoffman Estates Parks, IL	Tournament Players Club of Michigan
Howard Cooper, Inc.	Trinity Lutheran Church
Indiana Department of Natural Resources:	Turtle Lake Hunt Club
Nature Preserves Commission	United States Immigration Building
Ingham County Drain Commissioner	Walnut Hills Subdivision
Island Lake Homeowners Assn.	Washtenaw Intermediate School District
Kanar Gaming Enterprises	Washtenaw County Parks
Kresge Foundation	Wayne County Airport Authority, Detroit Metro
Land Conservancy of West Michigan	Airport
Land Architects, LLC	Wayne County Parks
	WH Canon Company

REFERENCES

Charter Township of Springfield, in cooperation with MI DNR Landowner Incentive Program

Prescribed Burns: Burn units of 57-70 acres of fen and woodland

Burned 2005-2011, 2014

Contact: **Mike Losey**, Natural Resources Manager, mlosey@springfield-twp.us; 248-846-6508

Oakland County Department of Parks

Prescribed Burns: Various county parks and habitats, including Rose Oaks; Orion Oaks; Lyon Oaks, Highland Oaks, Groveland Oaks; and Independence Oaks

Burn units from 10 to 118 acres; Burned 2007-2015

Contact: **Sarah Cook**, Natural Resources Coordinator, 248-343-1353

Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA), Southeastern Michigan

Prescribed Burns: various parks, including Kensington (25-, 38-, and 45-acre prairie); Stony Creek (11- and 4-acre prairie); Metro Beach (3-a. old field); Oakwoods (3-a. prairie); Indian Springs (2-a. prairie, 5-acre wetland); and Lake Erie (1-a. prairie)

Burned 2001-2013

Contact: **Ryan Colliton**, Manager of Natural Resources and Regulatory Compliance, Ryan.Colliton@metroparks.com 810.227-2757

Indiana Nature Preserve Commission (INPC)

Prescribed Burns: Various state parks and habitats, including sites with federally listed species.

Burns from 10 to 30 acres. Burned 2009-2015

Contact: **Derek Nimetz**, Regional Ecologist, INDNR, DNimetz@dnr.IN.gov 219.928.3997

Hoffman Estates Parks and Recreation, Hoffman Estates, IL

Prescribed Burns: Victoria Park, Black Bear Park, Rohrssen Park and Hunter's Ridge and Wetlands. Burns from 7 to 90 acres in dense residential areas of Village of Hoffman Estates.

Burns from 2015- 2016

Contact: **Craig Talsma**, Deputy Director, Director of Finance and Admin, ctalsma@heparcs.org 847.310.3607

Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Native Landscaping Project: Master Planning and Implementation: 2001

Prescribed Burn: 4-acre planted prairie

Burned 2002-2010, 2013-2015

Contact: **Laura VanFaasen**, lvanvaas@wash.k12.mi.us

O: 734-994-8100 ext. 1210; C: 734.717.5048

Wayne County Airport Authority, Detroit, MI

Prescribed Burns: DTW 12-acre prairie; Crosswinds Marsh: 30-acre Threatened Plant Mitigation wetland

Contact: **Bryan Wagoner**, Environmental Administrator Ext. Affairs, 734.247.3686

Cherry Hill Nature Preserve

Prescribed Burns: 20 - 30 acres of remnant, mature woods

Burned 2005-2016

Contact: **John Copley**, Steward, jalmoncopley@hotmail.com

Additional detailed references available specific to habitat, burn unit size, or entity



Department of Public Services

NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION LETTER

BARNUM PARK Invasive Species Control Prescribed Burn

Greetings!

The Department of Public Services is writing to let you know of our plans to conduct a **prescribed ecological burn** in the upcoming weeks at Barnum Park, in the native prairie no-mow areas.

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If you have any questions or concerns or if you have any special needs that require you to be notified by phone on the day of the burn, you may contact the Department of Public Services at 248-530-1700. You may also check the City of Birmingham’s website for updates on this project www.bhamgov.org

If you have specific questions about prescribed burning, please visit David’s website: www.restoringnaturewithfire.com or contact him: davidborneman@yahoo.com, O: 734-845-0634.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Barrier Free Accessibility Evaluation of Birmingham's Parks

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Feb 19, 2018 at 10:21 AM

To: Sarah Traxler <straxler@mcka.com>, Deanna Dupuy <DDupuy@mcka.com>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>, Laura Haw <LHaw@mcka.com>

Hi All,

Please find below some accessibility assessment information for your use.

Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham

Department of Public Services

851 S. Eton

Birmingham, MI 48009

direct dial: 248.530.1702

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

From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Feb 19, 2018 at 9:52 AM

Subject: Re: Barrier Free Accessibility Evaluation of Birmingham's Parks

To: Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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Communication/Discussion Item #2

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Thank you,
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Fwd: BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY

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Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 6:03 PM

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Greetings,

As a brief update, last night the City Commission decided to continue the Public Hearing to their March 26, 2018 meeting, after much discussion and good feedback from all.

Basically, the section in the Master Plan under Ch. 4 Parks, Recreation, and Trails Inventory beginning on page 31 provides an accessibility ranking for the Park system and based on the feedback needs to be re-visited in order to assign more appropriate or accurate ratings, which are described in detail on page 51.

The next step is to re-visit all of our sites as part of this review including updating the evaluation scoring for each, as warranted. Other language updates to the document will be made during this opportunity as well, as have been since identified.

The updates to the pages of the Master Plan will return to the March Parks Board meeting agenda. Again, thank you for your input on this worthwhile project.

Lauren

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Subject: RE: BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY

To: John Rusche <jprusche@aol.com>

Cc: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Hello John,

Thanks so much for the follow-up, it's very helpful. I had noted those same errors last night, and will make the revisions for consideration by the Board and Commission. I'll be sure to follow-up if we need assistance, Lauren and I are chatting at the end of this week to discuss "next steps".

Thanks again, have a wonderful week.

Sarah

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Subject: BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY

Hello Sarah,

As I said to Lauren as we walked into the meeting room last night. I learn something every time I attend a Commission meeting. The experience of the Commission members often causes them to bring up questions that some of us overlook.

The Master Plan is an excellent document, but I guess we learned there is room for improvement. I suspect updating the Accessibility Rankings with

snow on the ground will be a challenge. Please let me know if there is any way I can assist.

I carefully read the definitions on page 51. I think there is a missing “not” in the level 3 copy. I inserted it below:

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Best regards,

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