



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
6:30 PM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 (*regular meeting*)
- IV. Agenda Items-***Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.*
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
 1. Project Updates: (*verbal*)
 2. Golf Courses
 - a. Finance Report, October 2019
 - b. Golf Course Report-November 21, 2019
 3. Email Dated November 19, 2019 Re: Quarton Lake Fishing Restrictions
 4. Citizen Response Letter - Dr. Kazanis
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 7, 2020 (DPS)**

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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

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 well-being, and strengthen the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2019

Heather Carmona, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Carmona, Ross Kaplan, Pam Graham (arrived at 6:39 pm), John Meehan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Rusche

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: John Butcher, Seaholm High School

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

GUESTS: No Guests

Heather stated that for October 1, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes there will be additional language that will be presented verbally and then entered into the Parks and Recreation Board minutes.

Heather stated to remove Dominick Pulis from members present and add his name to guests and state that Ellie Noble, Alternate Board Member, was asked to sit with the Parks and Recreation Board because Dominick Pulis was absent at the beginning of the meeting.

Heather stated that Dominick Pulis arrived at 6:33 pm after the start of the Board Meeting, therefore was not able to serve with the Parks and Recreation Board during this meeting.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting as amended.

Yeas –6 Heather Carmona, Ross Kaplan, John Meehan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent -2 Pam Graham, John Rusche

AGENDA ITEM #1: Updated 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Dates

The updated 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates was provided and reviewed.

It was moved by Ellie Noble, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the updated 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates as submitted.

Yeas –7

Heather Carmona, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, John Meehan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent -1

John Rusche

AGENDA ITEM #2: RECOMMENDED PARK PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Heather stated that the recommended Parks and Recreation Board priority list has come before the Parks and Recreation Board a few times. The priority list is the work of the Master Plan Sub-Committee which has been meeting for nine months.

Lauren stated that the potential cost estimate for projects has been refined based upon drainage improvements to open space areas. Staff re-visited all listed locations for potential improvements and adjusted if necessary in order to make sure drainage improvements have been included in the cost estimates.

Lauren stated that attachment A has been revised to reflect these changes. See Attachment A dated 10/23/2019 compared to Attachment A dated 3/28/2019.

Bill Wiebrecht stated that at Poppleton Park is the lack of parking and there is a large area east of the tennis courts that would allow for additional parking spaces.

Ellie asked if there has ever been discussion on placement of pickleball courts and Poppleton and Adams Park.

Bill stated that there was discussion for placement at Lincoln Well Site on the west end of the park.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Ellie Noble to recommend to the City Commission the Parks and Recreation Bond Priority List dated 10/23/2019 in the amount of \$12,195,000 for a potential Parks and Recreation Bond opportunity.

Yeas –7

Heather Carmona, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, John Meehan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent -1

John Rusche

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Project Updates

Carrie showed the Parks and Recreation Board pictures of field #4 at Kenning Park. Carrie stated that once the snow melts that sod will be installed.

Carrie showed pictures of bird houses that have been installed in Linden Park by an eagle scout. Carrie showed a picture of a new sculpture that was installed in Booth Park. Carrie also showed the completed paver projects at Shain Park and the steps of City Hall.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a: Golf Course Finance Report-Golf Courses

Lauren presented the Parks and Recreation Board the golf courses financial report through September, 2019 from the Finance Department.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b: Golf Course Report-November 5, 2019

Lauren presented the Parks and Recreation Board the golf courses report prepared by Jacky Brito through November 5, 2019.

John Butcher asked when Springdale closed last year. Lauren stated she would get the information.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3c: Winter Sports

Lauren presented the Parks and Recreation Board information on upcoming Winter Sports Activities that will be held at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Email Dated October 14, 2019 Re: Quarton Lake Fishing Restrictions

Lauren stated the email was received and at a future meeting the Parks and Recreation Board will be reviewing the Parks Rules and Regulations.

Bill stated that the item should be forwarded to the City Attorney's office for legal guidance.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Connie stated that the old picnic tables at Springdale Park were sold on MITN.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connie stated that moving forward when I send out emails asking about attendance to please email back to all.

Pam Graham asked if it would be possible for administration to provide information about the Ice arena to the Board in order for them to better understand the operations of the Ice Arena, similar to the golf report. The Golf Courses are enterprise funds, so she isn't requesting as detailed of a report necessarily, but something that can help to understand operations. Pam would like to have more information available in order to learn more and also to help others understand the ice arena operations and what the 5.1 million improvements include. Information could include types and numbers of users, revenues and expenses and other useful items.

Lauren reminded the Board that in 2017 the Ice Arena experienced a leak in the refrigeration system, and thankfully our Contractor was able to locate the leak for repairs. Due to the age of the facility (1972), Plante Moran Cresa came on board in 2018 to perform a facility analysis including the refrigeration system, locker room expansion, and other potential facility improvements. Administration agreed and will provide the facility analysis, including operations to the board when available.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No items presented

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GOLF COURSE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED OCTOBER 2019

	SPRINGDALE		LINCOLN HILLS		COMBINED		PRIOR YEAR COMBINED	
	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE
<u>REVENUES</u>								
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALE	2,182	37,801	3,376	52,284	5,558	90,085	3,256	84,265
MERCHANDISE SALES	919	9,166	1,091	18,803	2,010	27,969	981	21,555
WEEK DAY GREENS FEES	10,573	164,935	16,252	176,942	26,825	341,877	30,436	337,518
WEEKEND & HOLIDAY GREENS	5,979	85,889	7,243	98,836	13,222	184,725	4,966	158,383
PULL CART RENTALS	333	5,548	337	5,293	670	10,841	479	8,733
TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	702	2,754	1,004	7,231	1,706	9,985	450	7,086
CLASSES	-	-	(125)	87,328	(125)	87,328	-	91,287
GOLF CART RENTALS	4,370	72,628	6,482	84,148	10,852	156,776	5,354	157,624
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP	-	1,400	-	7,500	-	8,900	-	10,860
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	-	34,650	-	105,890	-	140,540	-	133,225
UNLIMITED GOLF PASS	-	1,000	-	7,000	-	8,000	-	4,200
PACKAGE CLUB PASS	-	26	-	-	-	26	-	-
GOLF HANDICAP FEE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	-	4,565	70,595	4,565	70,595	3,178	12,800
LEASE PAYMENTS	2,147	21,376	623	6,105	2,771	27,480	2,253	22,310
SUNDRY & MISCELLANEOUS	-	68	11	1,339	11	1,407	(87)	476
CASH OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)	-	75	28	97	28	172	-	(133)
TOTAL REVENUES	27,205	437,315	40,887	729,390	68,092	1,166,705	51,266	1,050,188
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
<u>FINANCE</u>								
ADMINISTRATION COST	1,570	15,185	1,570	15,185	3,140	30,370	2,968	27,992
AUDIT	279	471	279	471	557	942	-	1,350
SUB-TOTAL FINANCE	1,849	15,656	1,849	15,656	3,697	31,312	2,968	29,342
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	7,800	67,632	7,171	64,117	14,971	131,749	(996)	127,881
OVERTIME PAY	14	185	1	1	15	186	106	1,122
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	594	5,195	545	4,912	1,138	10,106	906	8,802
HOSPITALIZATION	947	9,194	637	7,067	1,584	16,261	1,254	13,846
LIFE	14	153	14	152	28	305	28	305
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	347	7,143	347	7,095	694	14,237	718	10,497
DENTAL/OPTICAL	52	577	53	578	106	1,155	100	1,104
LT/ST DISABILITY	23	254	23	254	46	507	44	485
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	94	742	87	708	181	1,450	109	1,055
SICK LEAVE PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	176	6,099	175	6,003	351	12,102	269	12,375
HRA BENEFIT	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	20

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GOLF COURSE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED OCTOBER 2019

	SPRINGDALE		LINCOLN HILLS		COMBINED		PRIOR YEAR COMBINED	
	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	238	2,619	243	2,625	481	5,244	430	4,738
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	74	814	75	813	149	1,627	147	1,623
OPERATING SUPPLIES	6,183	32,663	9,127	38,819	15,311	71,482	16,359	67,303
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	405	11,793	3,380	13,494	3,785	25,287	140	21,679
TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC UTILITY	506	2,516	261	3,695	767	6,212	1,704	12,975
GAS UTILITY	23	1,176	18	1,084	42	2,260	56	1,857
WATER UTILITY	-	-	-	272	-	272	-	250
TRAINING	-	50	-	50	-	100	-	1,248
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	2,500	25,214	2,417	24,276	4,917	49,490	4,917	48,717
SUB-TOTAL MAINTENANCE	19,989	174,028	24,575	176,024	44,564	350,053	26,290	337,880
<u>CLUBHOUSE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	7,376	76,346	4,110	87,480	11,486	163,826	26,007	185,459
OVERTIME PAY	378	2,288	1	567	379	2,855	72	1,201
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	589	6,014	310	6,018	899	12,032	1,004	13,941
HOSPITALIZATION	1,330	13,376	1,035	11,678	2,365	25,053	2,065	22,593
LIFE	2	18	2	18	3	35	3	38
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	358	7,269	358	7,228	716	14,496	727	10,748
DENTAL/OPTICAL	61	671	61	671	122	1,343	120	1,272
LT/ST DISABILITY	27	295	27	295	54	590	53	581
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	92	844	49	919	141	1,763	122	1,607
SICK TIME PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	192	6,632	192	6,549	383	13,181	290	13,662
HRA BENEFIT	-	20	-	20	-	40	-	40
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	263	2,898	263	2,898	527	5,795	495	5,425
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	71	785	71	785	143	1,571	145	1,583
OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,187	11,747	1,220	18,545	2,408	30,292	1,619	25,590
FOOD & BEVERAGE	884	11,990	1,217	15,662	2,101	27,652	700	27,938
BEER AND WINE	176	6,973	296	7,825	471	14,799	-	12,258
MERCHANDISE	277	10,360	319	14,329	595	24,689	538	17,338
INSTRUCTORS	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,988)	-
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	2,649	9,935	1,933	12,690	4,582	22,625	2,681	23,494
TELEPHONE	-	822	-	512	-	1,333	158	2,787
CONTRACTUAL ALARM	83	826	153	1,525	235	2,351	235	2,266
ELECTRIC UTILITY	633	4,005	705	4,276	1,338	8,281	967	3,215
GAS UTILITY	35	1,457	23	257	58	1,714	60	1,400
WATER UTILITY	794	1,786	-	953	794	2,740	1,338	4,629
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	1,234	163	1,397	163	2,632	377	5,795

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
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FOR THE MONTH ENDED OCTOBER 2019

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	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR-TO-DATE
MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	-	5,178	-	7,438	-	12,615	500	6,068
TRAINING	-	812	-	812	-	1,624	45	4,807
DEPRECIATION	4,417	46,410	5,000	46,293	9,417	92,703	9,341	93,180
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	-	17,750	-	18,000	-	35,750	19	35,813
LIAB INSURANCE PREMIUMS	339	13,141	339	13,141	678	26,281	678	26,582
LIQUOR LICENSE	-	1,253	-	1,253	-	2,505	-	2,505
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-	-	16,667	116,667	16,667	116,667	8,333	83,333
SUB-TOTAL CLUBHOUSE	22,213	263,134	34,512	406,698	56,725	669,832	54,704	637,149
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,050	452,818	60,936	598,379	104,986	1,051,197	83,963	1,004,372
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(16,845)	(15,504)	(20,048)	131,011	(36,894)	115,508	(32,697)	45,817
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION AND TRANSFERS)						324,877		222,330

Golf Report – November 2019

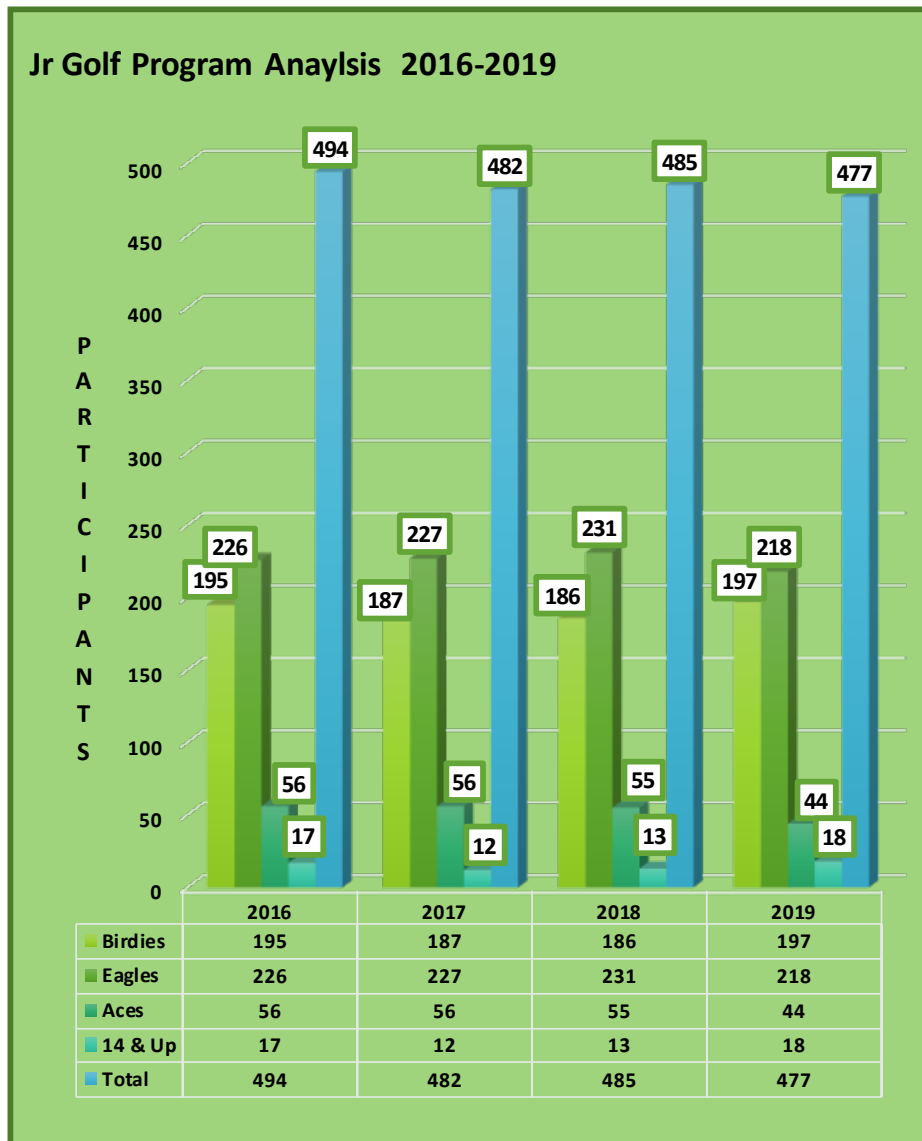
Mother Nature paid us a visit on Monday – November 11th with approximately 9 inches of snow which ended our golf season and it started “winter sports.” The kids had the day off from school on Tuesday – November 12th and Lincoln Hills was quite busy with sledding and cross-country skiers with sales of \$559. With that being said, I am pleased to report that we did finish strong with the wet spring and finished with a combined total of 49,583 rounds, or a 6% increase over 2018.

ROUND COMPARISON CY 2015 - 2019

MONTH	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	321	0	321	60	0	60	0	0	0	297	0	297
April	3,087	1,713	4,800	2,389	1,616	4,005	2,816	1,383	4,199	2,471	0	2,471	2,157	1,569	3,726
May	4,892	4,293	9,185	5,461	3,910	9,371	4,759	3,975	8,734	4,303	2,410	6,713	3,425	2,819	6,244
June	5,556	4,268	9,824	5,595	4,269	9,864	5,812	4,431	10,243	5,245	4,544	9,789	5,322	4,232	9,554
July	5,718	5,218	10,936	5,788	4,856	10,644	6,027	4,720	10,747	5,858	5,027	10,885	5,518	4,788	10,306
August	4,408	4,403	8,811	4,273	3,873	8,146	3,631	3,974	7,605	3,950	3,893	7,843	4,459	4,461	8,920
September	3,411	3,059	6,470	3,163	2,698	5,861	3,057	3,089	6,146	2,929	2,828	5,757	3,026	2,998	6,024
October	2,666	908	3,574	2,037	1,990	4,027	2,556	1,610	4,166	1,289	1,486	2,775	2,510	1,696	4,206
November	1,489	0	1,489	2	1,545	1,547	610	0	610	0	383	383	306	0	306
December	514	0	514	0	54	54	185	0	185	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31,741	23,862	55,603	29,029	24,811	53,840	29,513	23,182	52,695	26,045	20,571	46,616	27,020	22,563	49,583

Junior Golf Program

The weather cooperated with our program this year with very few hot & humid days as last season. We did utilize college students as additional instructors whom all came through our program, played on high school teams and now playing collegiate golf. They did bring the “fun” element for the children and feedback was positive. In addition, we capped the Aces program to 44 students instead of keeping an “open-ended” registration. Over the past few seasons, it has been difficult to finish the Aces, because the number of private lessons is too vast to complete when the program is running. Each year we do an “end of season” review and felt that this number would allow enough time to complete the lessons and it was very successful.



Membership Analysis 2014 - 2019

MEMBERSHIPS	CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016		CY 2017		CY 2018		CY Nov 2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Business	102	13%	109	13%	109	13%	92	10%	107	12%	70	8%
Non-Resident - Individual	406	53%	475	55%	465	54%	502	56%	499	56%	558	61%
Non-Resident - Dual	175	23%	194	23%	209	24%	220	24%	222	25%	219	24%
Non-Resident - Family	77	10%	78	9%	85	10%	84	9%	59	7%	64	7%
Total	760	100%	856	100%	868	100%	898	100%	887	100%	911	100%

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016		CY 2017		CY 2018		CY Nov 2019	
	#		#		#		#		#		#	
Resident	1,733		2,090		1,874		1,898		1,744		1,675	

REVENUES	SALES		SALES		DIFFERENCE
	YTD - 11/21/18		YTD - 11/21/19		
Greens Fee	\$495,239	54.19%	\$533,091	55.04%	\$37,852
Cart Fee	\$166,662	18.24%	\$168,484	17.40%	\$1,823
Memberships	\$167,575	18.34%	\$175,775	18.15%	\$8,200
Food & Beverage	\$42,959	4.70%	\$44,209	4.56%	\$1,250
Beer	\$38,883	4.25%	\$44,342	4.58%	\$5,459
Wine	\$2,568	0.28%	\$2,661	0.27%	\$93
Total	\$913,885	100.00%	\$968,562	100.00%	\$54,676



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: This fishing sign by Quarton Lake

Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Wood, Lauren" <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Communication item for December agenda please.

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

From: **Carrie Laird** <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 2:29 PM

Subject: Re: This fishing sign by Quarton Lake

To: Sally Hanley <salsalhanley@gmail.com>

Ms. Hanley,

I am in receipt of your email, thank you for reaching out. You are correct, this is an existing Park Rule and has been a long-standing rule actually. The Park Rules and Regulations are adopted by the City Commission and are enforceable as part of the City ordinance.

It just so happens that we are currently reviewing the Park Rules and Regulations as a whole, including this "fishing" item of your interest. City administration will present a recommendation of revisions, if any, to the Parks and Recreation Board hopefully the first part of the new year. The Parks and Recreation Board is an advisory board to the City Commission and will ultimately make a recommendation to the City Commission for approval of any revisions to the Park Rules and Regulations. I will share your email with the Parks and Recreation Board as part of the review.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets monthly, usually the 1st Tuesday of every month, at the Department of Public Services, [851 S. Eton](#). The next meeting is Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for contacting us! Feel free to contact me directly should you have any further questions or comments.

On Tue, Nov 19, 2019 at 12:23 PM Sally Hanley <salsalhanley@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms Laird,

I was walking by Quarton Lake recently and saw this sign posted. It looks very official but I thought it must be a joke. But I was told it is an official city ordinance and has been for many years. After talking to several folks in the city offices, I was referred to you. I understand there will be a meeting of your dept in early December.

I would hope there would be time for you to present this ordinance at your next meeting to adjust the ordinance to help the poor underserved fishing folks between the ages of 15 and 61.

It IS a pretty funny sign, though. And, by the way, I am 72, don't fish, but it is comforting to know that should I suddenly decide to "go fish", I can!!

Thank you,
Sally Hanley

Communication/Discussion Item #3



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Carrie A. Laird

11/21/2019

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: This fishing sign by Quarton Lake

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November 21, 2019

Dr. Demi Kazanis
18041 Shadbrook St.
Northville, MI 48168

RE: Renaming Adams Park

Dear Dr. Kazanis,

Thank you for your letter dated September 21, 2019 regarding your idea for the City of Birmingham to rename Adams Park. We did provide a copy of your letter to the Parks and Recreation Board as part of their October 1, 2019 meeting agenda.

My apologies for the delay in writing back to you about this request. We wanted to research some background on changing a park name. The opportunity for "naming rights" usually coincides with a park development project either as part of a donor recognition program or donation agreement. Typically, "naming rights" only applies to a park feature or element, not renaming a city park.

The King family did, however; make donations in memory of Timothy King which included site furnishings at Booth Park. The City of Birmingham acquired this park open space from Roeper School during 2006. Unfortunately, in keeping with current practices, renaming City of Birmingham parks does not occur under these conditions.

We appreciate you writing us and realize this was a tragic time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 248.530.1702.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lauren Wood
Director of Public Services

cc: Mr. Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

Communication/Discussion Item #4

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Dear Birmingham City Council Members:

I am writing to you with an idea, a proposal or if you will, a plea. I have been a resident of Birmingham, Michigan since 1974 when I was just a child. It is a wonderful city full of caring people and it is a close-knit community. These of course are only two reasons for its long-standing stellar reputation that has unfortunately been marred by a few heinous events that I am writing about.

Please understand that I attended Adam's Elementary School during the terrifying years of 1976 and 1977 and the memories from over forty years ago still haunt me every single day of my life, as they do many of my former Birmingham classmates and citizens. For those who are not familiar with the tragedy I refer to, it pertains to the four innocent lives taken by a person or persons known as "The Oakland County Child Killer". Very surprisingly justice has never been served to the sexual sadist's victims or their families, many who consider this injustice a slap in the face.

I, as I am sure many others do, think about the victims' snuffed potential, the torture their families suffer decade after decade and the emotional trauma us surviving children, now adults, have had our lives scarred by this.

As a very small gesture of good will on the part of The City of Birmingham and Oakland County, and The State of Michigan, I propose Adam's Park be renamed to Timothy King Memorial Park. Timothy King passed this park on his fateful skateboard ride to his final destination of Hunter-Maple Pharmacy and it also dead ends on the street where his grieving, answerless father still lives since this took place. The crimes have yet to be solved and maybe never will but I feel a park renaming in this kidnapped, raped, and strangled child's name would be the least that could be done to honor Timothy King's memory.

The school now adjacent to the park, The Roeper School, where my daughters now attend is a very kind and generous institution of whom I sure would up be willing to annually upkeep a small Marion King Memorial Garden. This was his mother who passed not knowing who murdered her son. I cannot foresee any possible reason why anyone wouldn't want Timothy King's memory to live on where children now play, and gardens shall grow.

I look forward to your speedy response.

Sincerely,



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