



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (*regular meeting*)**
- IV. Presentation of Eagle Scout Service Recognition**

- V. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
 - 1. Nomination of 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

- VI. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Long Range Planning Session - Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:30 AM Municipal Building
 - 2. Project Updates: (*verbal*)
 - 3. Golf Courses
 - a. Golf Course Investment Income Follow-Up from 12/3/2019 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
 - b. 2019 Golf Course Golf Membership Follow-Up from 12/3/2019 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- X. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 4, 2020 (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
December 3, 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, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, John Rusche and Bill Wiebrecht

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: Cindy Rose

Dominick stated in the November 12, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes the Parks and Recreation Board had stated there is a lack of parking at Poppleton Park and the board rounded off the conversation by saying the board acknowledges Poppleton Park parking issues and it is a sensitive situation and deserves an additional study and in the Recommended Parks & Recreation Bond Priority List of projects there is no additional parking indicated at Poppleton Park in the scope.

It was moved by Dominick Pulis, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular meeting as amended.

Yeas –7 Heather Carmona, Ross Kaplan, Pam Graham, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, John Rusche and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

AGENDA ITEM #1: No Agenda Items

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Project Updates

Carrie stated field #4 at Kenning Park has been completed. Carrie stated weather has not been on the contractor's side there will be an update at the January Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a: Golf Course Finance Report-Golf Courses

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

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2b: Golf Course Report-November 21, 2019

Lauren presented the Parks and Recreation Board the golf courses report prepared by Jacky Brito through November 21, 2019.

Lauren stated in regards to the golf course for 2018 closure John Butcher asked at the last Parks and Recreation Board Lincoln Hills closed October 21, 2018 and Springdale Golf Course closed November 17, 2018. She then stated for the 2019 season Springdale closed October 20, 2019 and Lincoln Hills closed November 11, 2019.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Emailed Dated November 19, 2019 Re: Quarton Lake Fishing Restrictions

Carrie presented an email was received regarding Quarton Lake Fishing restrictions.

Carrie stated administration is reviewing the City of Birmingham Parks Rules and Regulations and administration will be bringing recommendations back to the Parks and Recreation Board at a future meeting.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: Citizen Response Letter: Dr. Kazanis

Lauren presented a response to a citizen's request's.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Connie stated for future Parks and Recreation Board meetings the Parks and Recreation Board members and alternates will be receiving and email requesting their attendance and to please respond to all.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Rusche stated the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena feasibility study should be made available to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Lauren stated the Parks and Recreation Board will be provided the information at a future meeting.

Bill suggested a future Parks and Recreation Board meeting be held at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

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, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 12/3/2019



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Golf Courses - Finance Report Month Ended October 2019

1 message

Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 3:22 PM

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

Please provide this email chain to the Parks Board under Communications.

This question and answer is in response to an item raised during their Parks and Recreation Board meeting of December 3, 2019.

Thanks,
Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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From: **Mark Gerber** <Mgerber@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 1:39 PM

Subject: Re: Golf Courses - Finance Report Month Ended October 2019

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

In a short answer, it is due to a change in interest rates of US bonds. Long answer, in prior years, the City's investment portfolio had bonds with interest rates less than market rates, resulting in paper losses. As those investments matured, the paper losses were eliminated resulting in paper gains. That resulted in a paper gain at June 30th of approximately \$30,000 for the golf courses. By paper gain/loss, what I mean is an accounting gain/loss not an actual cash gain/loss. The City's portfolio now contains investments that more closely aligned with current market rates.

On Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 12:44 PM Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Mark,

A question from the Parks Board about why the investment income is so different this year from prior year combined?

Please let me know.

Thanks,
Lauren

Lauren Wood

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Communication/Discussion Item 3a

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: 2019 Resident Memberships

1 message

Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 3:26 PM

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

Please add this email response under Communications for the next Parks Board meeting.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Wood

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

Date: Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 5:18 PM

Subject: 2019 Resident Memberships

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Lauren:

I am answering the question that was asked in the December Parks and Recreation meeting regarding Resident Memberships being low.

These memberships have fluctuated each season and below are a few of my reasons that it may change each season.

1. Members are not playing as much - they are getting older, working a lot this summer, family and time, kids are off to school, and people are starting their families.
2. Many members have signed up everyone in their household and I have been told many times when working the counter that it didn't make any sense to get everyone a membership if their children were not using it. This not only affects the Resident memberships but also the Non-Resident Memberships, thus the changes from Family to Dual and/or Individual.
3. Course conditions - This will always be a factor.
4. Signed up their spouse in hopes they would "pick up the game" and they never did so they did not rejoin them.
5. Playing only in leagues
5. Other Courses fighting for our members - They joined another local club to have more of the "club atmosphere".
6. New members joined and thought they would use it and they don't return the next season.
7. Pace of Play - This will always be a factor.

In addition, I will be sending out a "Miss You" letter to only Birmingham Residents who have not been here at least 2-3 years. I will inform them of the capital projects that have been completed and what is up and coming.

Please let me know if you have any other questions at your earliest convenience.

Happy New Year!

Jacky Brito, PGA
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