



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda**  
**Department of Public Services**  
**851 South Eton-Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 (*regular meeting*)**
- IV. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
  - 1. Chesterfield Fire Station #2 Open Space and Renaming Recommendation**
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
  - 1. Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update**
  - 2. Pickleball Update (verbal)**
  - 3. Adams Park Update (verbal)**
  - 4. Golf Course Updates**
    - a. Golf Course Finance Report-June, 2021**
    - b. Golf Course Report-August 4, 2021**
  - 5. Bills aim to save state's pollinators by banning new pesticides on public land, C & G Newspapers, published June 8, 2021**
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

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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.*

The highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading throughout the nation at an alarming rate. As a result, the CDC is recommending that vaccinated and unvaccinated personnel wear a facemask indoors while in public if you live or work in a substantial or high transmission area. Oakland County is currently classified as a substantial transmission area. The City has reinstated mask requirements for all employees while indoors. The mask requirement also applies to all board and commission members as well as the public attending public meetings.

Should you have any statement regarding the above, you are invited to attend the meeting in person or virtually through  
**ZOOM:** <https://zoom.us/j/98191466679> **Meeting ID:** 981 9146 6679  
You may also present your written statement to:  
City of Birmingham, Parks and Recreation Board  
851 South Eton, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 prior to the meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2021**

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Carmona  
Pam Graham  
Ross Kaplan  
Anne Lipp  
Dominick Pulis  
John Rusche

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Collins  
Ellie Noble

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** R.J. Carrel, Groves High School  
Alison Chapnick Groves High School

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:** Kyle Sayers, Seaholm High School

**ADMINISTRATION:** Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services  
Brooks Cowan, City Planner  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

**PRESENTER:** Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran

**GUESTS:** Cindy Rose and David Young

Heather informed the Parks and Recreation Board the passing of William Wiebrecht who had served on the Parks and Recreation Board for twenty-nine years.

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:** **Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Pam Graham  
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and  
John Rusche  
**Nays,** None

**AGENDA ITEM #1a: Request for Art Donation Installation for Poppleton Park  
"Standing Horses", by Barry Harrison**

Brooks Cowan presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a request of an art sculpture "Standing Horses" by Barry Harrison to the City of Birmingham as a part of the Public Arts Board's 2021 Call For Entry. The sculpture consists of an abstract horse sculpture welded in cor-ten steel and has dimensions of 8' high, 11' in length, and 2' feet wide.

Brooks stated that the Public Arts Board discussed this sculpture on May 19, 2021. The Public Arts Board thought that Poppleton Park could be a good location for this piece and requested more detailed photos and information of how it could be placed on the existing sculpture pad at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Madison Avenue.

Brooks stated the loan agreement terms for the Call-For-Entry are for a minimum of 3 years.

John Rusche asked about the safety of climbing on the sculpture.

Brooks stated that the city has an agreement with an Engineering Consulting firm that assist the City of Birmingham on these safety concerns and will make suggestions to correct these concerns.

Brooks stated that he will discuss with the artist illuminating the art work prior to City Commission.

It was moved by Dominick Pulis, seconded by Ross Kaplan to support the location of Poppleton Park for the sculpture loan of "Standing Horses" by Barry Harrison as a part of the Public Arts Board's 2021 Call For Entry.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Pam Graham  
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and  
John Rusche

**Nays,** None

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Wedding Agreement (Ceremony Only)**

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the request to amend the current Wedding Agreement (Ceremony Only).

Connie stated currently the Department of Public Services Recreation Department has the ability to issue permits for the use of City of Birmingham parks for wedding ceremonies that included Barnum, Booth, Shain and Quarton. Moving forward the Department of Public Services is recommending that wedding ceremonies be allowed at City of Birmingham parks except for Shain Park. Shain Park would be exempt because of the many special events that occur on a yearly basis.

Connie stated at the March 22, 2021 City Commission meeting, there was discussion on why weddings were scheduled at Shain Park when previously the park could not be reserved for private events. In addition to the removal of Shain Park from the application the department is recommending the fees be increased to be in line with the current fees that are being charged for a ceremony at the Museum and Allen House.

Connie stated that wedding requests come through the Parks and Recreation department where it's determined the best location for the wedding based on the number of participants.

It was moved by Anne Lipp, seconded by Dominick Pulis to adopt the revised Wedding Rental Agreement (ceremony only) including the suggested fees as per the attached Agreement.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Pam Graham  
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and  
John Rusche  
**Nays,** None



**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Capital Projects Sub-Committee Report-June 30, 2021**

John reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the July 30, 2021 Sub-committee progress report.

John stated that the ice arena website is being updated with progress reports and photos.

John stated that Adams Parks is moving forward. Lauren stated that she meeting with the Adams Park Committee.

John stated during the sub-committee meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the pickleball survey results from Engage Birmingham.

**No Action Was Taken****COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update**

Robert Stempien shared with the Parks and Recreation Board photos of the piping that installed in the main arena for preparing the concrete pour.

Robert stated that future installations of additional roofing, installation of underground plumbing, installing of brick veneer, finishing the interior painting, electrical/plumbing/HVAC/fire suppression installations, ceramic tile showers, acoustical tile ceiling grid and pads and refrigeration equipment installations.

Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the project schedule update from July - August.

Robert continued sharing photos of the progression of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena construction project. Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the technology upgrades and discussion on paint the exterior of the Birmingham Ice Arena.

Robert discussed with the Parks and Recreation Board about the new electrical service and primary switch from DTE and will be handled by doing an underground bore.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a Birmingham Dashboard-6-11-2021**

Robert shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the Birmingham Dashboard 6-11-2021

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a: Golf Course Finance Report-May, 2021**

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course finance report dated May, 2021.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b: Golf Course Report-July 7, 2021**

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report dated July 7, 2021.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: 2021 In The Park Concert Series**

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the 2021 In The Park Concert schedule for the 2021 season.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Booming Pickleball Popularity Takes Center Court at Life Time, Life Time, Inc.,**

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Public Park at Fire Station, Downtown Magazine, June, 2021**

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #7: Largest splash pad in Michigan opens in West Bloomfield, Fox2 Detroit News, June 30, 2021**

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Heather mentioned the vandalism of the art work that was installed along the River Rouge Trail Corridor.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Cindy stated that Bill Wiebrecht served on the Parks and Recreation Board for many years and is the City of Birmingham going to do acknowledge his service.

Lauren stated that when he retired from the Parks and Recreation Board it was the intention of the City of Birmingham to present him with a proclamation in honor of his service and commitment to the community but because of COVID-19 that did not occur.

Lauren stated that she will discuss with Tom Markus any future arrangements in honoring Bill Wiebrecht for serving on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** July 16, 2021  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members  
**FROM:** Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Chesterfield Fire Station #2 Open Space Recommendation

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board was asked to explore the opportunity to create a safe, pleasant and inviting space for recreation and relaxation.

At the August 11, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting Kate Bongiorno who at the time was a Birmingham presented a proposal for a playground in the Quarton Lake Neighborhood next to Fire Station #2, located on Maple Rd. and Chesterfield Rd. Kate stated it would be a park with all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo that would provide opportunities to the community for recreation activities.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Chesterfield open space area next to fire station #2 is approximately .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 and is not identified on any of the City of Birmingham maps in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

July, 2020 Kate Bongiorno, then a resident of nearby Quarton Estates, reached out to then City Manager Joe Valentine and the rest of the City Commission with the idea to create a playground out of the nearly half-acre of land adjacent to the station on Maple Road, west of downtown.

Kate stated that the space next to Fire Station 2 has ample space to create a safe, pleasant, inviting space for recreation and relaxation. It has easy pedestrian and bike access from Fairfax, Chesterfield and Maple roads. In addition, it boasts street parking, complementary nearby local businesses to visit for a snack while playing, a tony new fire station that is well-known by children in the neighborhood, and nice, established features of shade, safe distance from the roads, and access to the Fire Department in case of emergency," Bongiorno wrote.

Her letter included a petition of around 35 residents on board with the idea. At the time, though, the city was preparing to propose a \$11.2 million parks and recreation bond to voters. Since the park was not part of the already budgeted plan pitched to residents as part of that bond, the commission agreed to take up the topic again after the election.

At the May 11, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board there was further discussion on the proposed new park and playground located at Fire Station #2 (known as the Chesterfield Fire Station). In addition, to consider naming the park in honor of a local resident.

Information was provided to the Parks and Recreation Board that included:

- August 11, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Agenda Item #2 and meeting minutes
- City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy
- City Commission Report dated March 30, 2021
- Email received from Commissioner Rackeline J. Hoff
- Memorandum from Fire Chief Paul Wells and the City Commission draft minutes of April 26, 2021.

After further review of City of Birmingham property records there is no legal property name associated with this property. The administration is proposing a sitting area with new landscaping, Little Library, and play equipment for younger children. These proposed improvements would be set-back to the north of West Maple, west of Fairfax and could include naming the park in honor of a local resident. Administration would like to proceed on a conceptual drawings including costs showing these recommendations.

Administration will contact Quarton Lake Estates to discuss future funding for these proposed improvements for this area.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:**

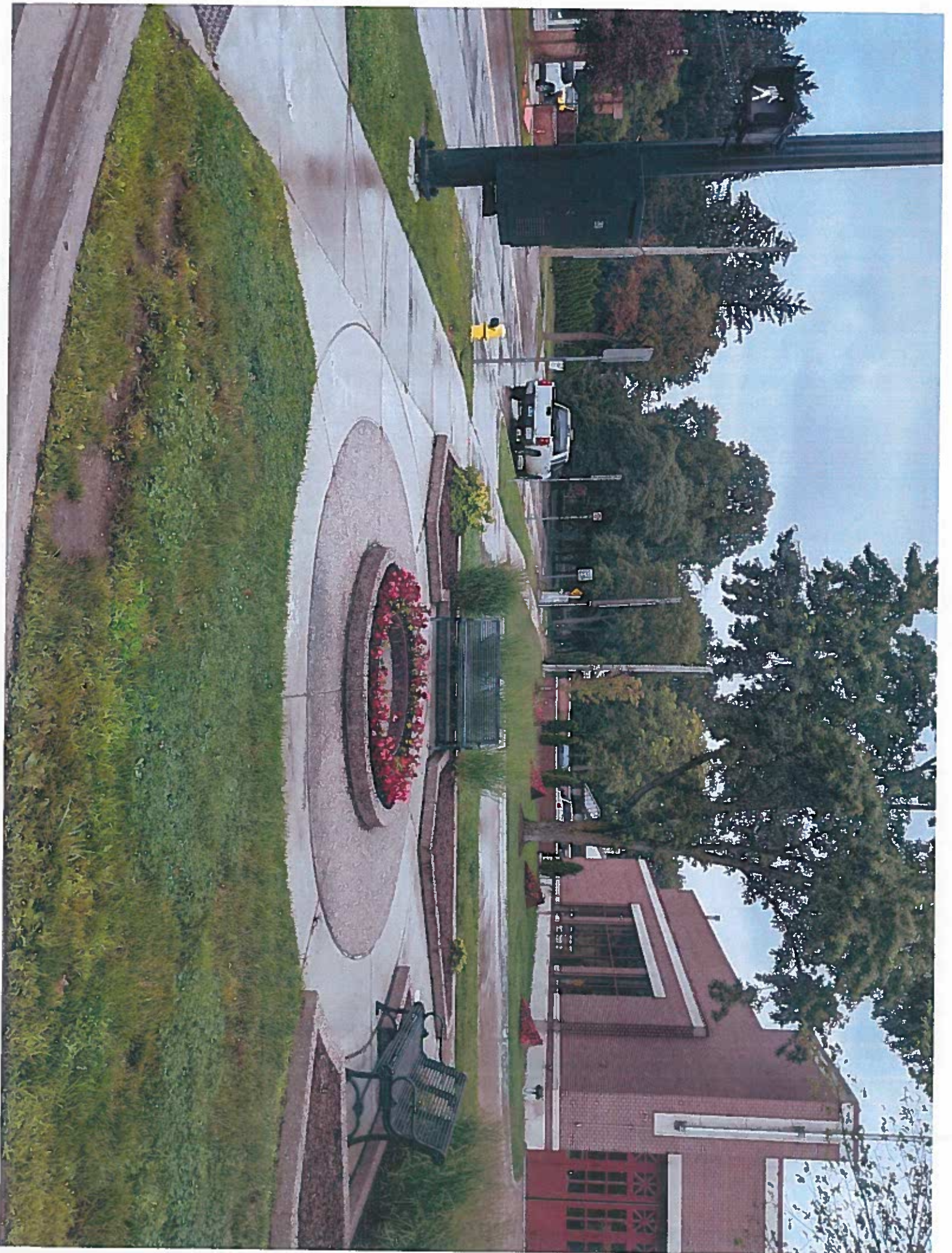
To approve the administration's request to have conceptual drawings with costs showing the proposed sitting area with new landscaping, Little Library, and play equipment for younger children for the Chesterfield open space area next to fire station #2 is approximately .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 located north of West Maple, west of Fairfax and could include future naming rights with final approval from the City Commission.





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## MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

**DATE:** March 30, 2021

**TO:** Thomas M. Markus, City Manager

**FROM:** Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

**SUBJECT:** Chesterfield Fire Station - Park Designation

### INTRODUCTION:

There is interest and ongoing conversation from community members about designating an existing public property (known as the Chesterfield Fire Station) as a City park. In addition, to consider naming the park in honor of a local resident. Last year, a proposal and petition for a new park and playground located at Fire Station #2 was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board at their August 11, 2020 meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board took no action. However, the Administration informed the presenter, Kate Bongiorno that further consideration and communication can occur about this idea after the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal in November 2020.

Some park elements proposed at the corner of this parcel are an all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo, among other suggestions. There is not a concept plan, to date, for the proposed suggested site amenities. Of course, this would be a good starting point, in order to provide estimated construction costs.

### BACKGROUND:

As part of the City property inventory, the Chesterfield Fire Station is a named property for use as a fire station. The location is on Maple Road between Chesterfield and Fairfax. The total area is 1.36 acres. The portion of this property to be labeled as a City Park is on the east side of the new fire station and comprises approximately .60 acres.

This property is zoned Public Property (PP), which is similar to all other public property including those sites classified as parks. There is no Park designation under the Zoning Code. For size comparison purposes, Adams Fire Station is 1.05 acres.

In July 2020, the City Commission identified park and recreation projects to be part of the local ballot proposal for \$11,250,000. The proposal to create a park at Fire Station #2 was presented after projects were included with the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal.

Since the passing of the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal, we are moving forward on several initiatives as part the recommended project priority list. The overall Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified several capital improvements projects at numerous City parks, new playgrounds and improvements to the Rouge River trail system. This proposal is not part of the overall parks and recreation initiatives.

As part of the due diligence in reviewing and making a recommendation back to the City Commission on this issue, the Administration will examine historical records and background information on other similar naming protocols of City parks, facilities and the like. There are examples from the past for which we can draw from as part of this review.

A donation is not being proposed as part of this request, but there is certainly a potential opportunity for donations to be part of any future park development. I have included a copy of the Parks and Recreation Donor Policy adopted in October 26, 2015 by the City Commission.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

There is no legal review at this time.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

New park and playground located at Fire Station #2 was not part of the Parks and Recreation Bond allocation, since it came up afterwards. Therefore, at this time, this park development is not included in the bond dollar distribution. There has been no funds budgeted in the current fiscal year budget for any park improvements at this site.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

Public input will be ongoing, to be gathered at the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission meetings. Opportunities to include social media tools for additional feedback about this issue. Communications will be underway between City Administration and various City Departments.

**SUMMARY:**

Several issues need to be addressed as part of the review by the Parks and Recreation Board. These may include some of the following items. 1. Examine zoning issues and park designation steps. 2. Does this limit or restrict Fire Station uses and future expansion? 3. Review potential site amenities and probable costs, based on size and space restrictions. 4. How do we initiate naming opportunities, review past examples of City Commission actions. 5. How do we go about finding fundraising opportunities? 6. Examine potential financial impact and funding sources.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- August 11, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Agenda Item #2 and meeting minutes
- City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:**

To refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review, discussion and recommended actions about designating a portion of the Chesterfield Fire Station property as a City Park and provide formal park naming procedures. Further, to consider potential park site amenities and budget implications in order to undertake such endeavor.



Connie Folk &lt;cfolk@bhamgov.org&gt;

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**Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission**

1 message

**Lauren Wood** <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 2:28 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" &lt;Claird@bhamgov.org&gt;, "Folk, Connie" &lt;cfolk@bhamgov.org&gt;

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See the attached

**Lauren Wood**

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham

**Department of Public Services**

851 S. Eton, Birmingham, MI 48009

Direct Dial: 248.530.1702

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

Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 9:34 AM

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission

To: Brad Host &lt;bhost@bhamgov.org&gt;, Clinton Baller &lt;cballer@bhamgov.org&gt;, Mark Nickita &lt;mnickita@bhamgov.org&gt;, Pierre Boutros &lt;pboutros@bhamgov.org&gt;, Racky Hoff &lt;rhoff@bhamgov.org&gt;, Stuart Sherman &lt;sshernan@bhamgov.org&gt;, Therese Longe &lt;tlonge@bhamgov.org&gt;, Tim Currier &lt;tcurrier@bhlaw.us.com&gt;

Cc: Alex Bingham &lt;abingham@bhamgov.org&gt;, Lauren Wood &lt;Lwood@bhamgov.org&gt;

FYI - Please note the attached letter and petition received today from a resident in the Quarton Lake neighborhood to make the public property next to Fire Station #2 off Maple into a park and playground. Such requests would be routed to the appropriate board for a review and recommendation, which in this case is the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 9:28 AM

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission

To: &lt;katebongiorno@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Therese Longe &lt;tlonge@bhamgov.org&gt;

Ms. Bongiorno,

Thank you for sharing your petition for the creation of a new park and playground in the Quarton Lake Neighborhood next to fire station #2. As we consider opportunities for improving our parks we will include your petition for consideration as well. This evening the City Commission will be presented with an opportunity for a Parks and Recreation Bond and I will share your petition with them. Per normal protocol, your petition may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and development of a formal recommendation back to the City Commission to act upon. We can keep you advised as to when the Parks and Recreation Board may consider your petition so you can elaborate on the interest and ideas from your neighborhood.

Best regards,  
Joe Valentine

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From: **Kate Bongiorno** <katebongiorno@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 5:54 PM

Agenda Item #2

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission  
To: <[jvalentine@bhamgov.org](mailto:jvalentine@bhamgov.org)>, <[tlonge@bhamgov.org](mailto:tlonge@bhamgov.org)>

Dear City Manager Valentine,

Please find attached a letter and supporting petition proposing the creation of a new Birmingham City park and playground in the Quarton Lakes Estates neighborhood.

I have previously discussed this idea with City Commissioner Longe and have copied her on this email.

Incidentally, I would be glad to mail or deliver the actual signed petitions with citizens' signatures if it is preferred, but since City Hall is closed due COVID-19, an email and copy of the petition seemed the most efficient means of communication at this time.

Thank you for considering this community project.

Best regards,  
Kate Bongiorno

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## 2 attachments

**QLE Playground Petition .jpg**  
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 **Quarton Lakes Estates Playground Proposal 07.10.20.pdf**  
95K



Kate Bongiorno  
684 Puritan Avenue  
Birmingham, MI 48009

July 10, 2020

Birmingham City Commission  
151 Martin Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Birmingham City Manager Valentine, City Clerk Allen, and Esteemed Commission Members,

I would like to request and encourage your consideration of the creation of a 15th Birmingham City Playground in Quarton Lakes Estates.

This idea was hatched about a year ago when my friend (and fellow Birmingham resident) and I took our kids to visit all 14 Birmingham playgrounds in one day. It took us six hours and we enjoyed the variety of landscapes and playscapes and the opportunity to explore Birmingham. On our drive home, my kids and I wondered why our neighborhood was missing a neighborhood playground?

I subsequently shared my thoughts with other friends in the neighborhood and one, who I must take a moment to spotlight as one of Birmingham's most loyal citizens, Patricia Andrews, suggested that the greenspace adjacent to the beautiful new Fire Station #2 might be a good location to build a playground in the neighborhood.

I could not agree with her more!

The space next to Fire Station #2 has ample space to create a safe, pleasant, inviting space for recreation and relaxation. It has easy pedestrian and bike access from Fairfax, Chesterfield, and Maple Roads. In addition, it boasts street parking, complimentary nearby local businesses to visit for a snack while playing, a tony new fire station that is well-known by children in the neighborhood, and nice, established features of shade, safe distance from the roads, and access to the Fire Department in case of emergency.

This proposed playground space will offer a wonderful place for community connections!

The churches along Maple Road house many preschools and the playground will offer a welcome option for parents with younger siblings who have a couple of hours to play in between drop-offs and pick-ups at Quarton, West Maple, Hand-in-Hand and First Kids Preschools. For residents who are retired, a beautiful outdoor space with tables and benches will be a terrific location to meet up for coffee and conversation or gather for a game of chess, cards, or dominos with friends and neighbors... and fresh air.

Quarton Lakes Estates is a neighborhood with a population mix of families and retirees. A playground and park will create an ideal space for neighbors who otherwise miss one another due to different schedules and lifestyles to meet and socialize in a casual, outdoor setting. It offers intersections for neighbors to meet and get to know one another, which is vital for creating strong, connected neighborhoods and communities. As I shared this idea with my friends and neighbors, it was equally embraced by the young and the young at heart, individuals with children and those who enjoy being around children.

The creation of Birmingham's 15th playground has tremendous merit at face value, but there is *so much more* potential that comes part and parcel with its construction.

The park could be a great venue for residents to rent for birthday parties, scouts or sports team picnics, or school parties. While offering a safe option for social events, it could also generate a nominal source of revenue to support maintenance costs. Similarly, a structure such as fence or pathway could be constructed through donations and offer a place for residents to donate to their local neighborhood gathering space and "leave their mark" with an inscribed fence plank or brick or stone.

The park could also be a great place for the City to offer exciting, low-cost, high-impact events such as book readings, concerts, or holiday gatherings to promote community... and even spotlight rising poets, musicians, artists, or tastemakers living right next door who might happily share their talents with their neighbors on a sunny afternoon at the park?!

I propose that the space is simple but can impactfully multi-task: picnic tables and benches, garbage and recycling cans, a water fountain, a sandbox or Gaga Pit, a mix of toddler and youth, ADA inclusive swings, a slide, and basic climbing structure. The space could also potentially accommodate a basketball hoop and park exercise equipment that would be equally enjoyed by teenage and adult parkgoers *and* our loyal firefighters during downtime at the Station.

In addition, I suggest adding features that invite community collaboration: small gardens that could be adopted by residents, student groups, or schools; Book Walks that could be guided by friends at the ever-improving Baldwin Library; fairy gardens or nooks broadcasting positive, inclusive messages; a Little Library; a kiosk or message board where the City or residents could post useful, neighborly information (i.e. items for sale, new social groups, events, missing pet notices, etc.); and a hallmark feature to make the playground really unique such as a community-member created Art installation, a fence with love locks, a gazebo, a pine tree where ornaments could be displayed for seasonal holidays, or a take something/leave something surprise box.

The sky's the limit with opportunities to turn the beautiful space flanking Birmingham's impressive new fire station into a place with even more to offer its residents in Quarton Lakes Estates.... and the Birmingham community at large!

Upon presenting the idea around my neighborhood this Spring, I was greeted with great enthusiasm by neighbors on many different streets within Quarton Lakes Estates and across all demographics. I have attached a list of residents who similarly support the proposal of a playground in our neighborhood.

Moreover, in these uncertain times, I believe a safe, new, exciting open space, out of doors might be just what Birmingham needs to inspire hope and offer new opportunities for safe social engagement.

On behalf of my neighbors and myself, thank you for your consideration of this community improvement as well as your ongoing dedication to Birmingham, City Manager Valentine, City Clerk Allen, and Councilmembers Longe, Host, Hoff, Baller, Boutros, Nickita, and Sherman.

Sincerely,

Kate Bongiorno



Petition to Create a Quarton Lakes Estates Neighborhood  
Playground Adjacent to Fire Station #2

Name	Address	Signature
Kristin Plumb	1841 Melbourne St.	Il-ne
Laura Northerner	1869 Melbourne St	Laura Northerner
Hannah Kessler	595 Kimberly St.	Hannah Kessler
Katie Holder	1882 Melbourne St	Katie Holder
June Strickland	1832 Melbourne St	June Strickland
MARIANNE WINTERS	1825 MELBOURNE	Marianne Winters
Jennifer Swanson	1777 MELBOURNE ST	Jennifer Swanson
Rob Dale	1755 Melbourne St.	Rob Dale
Erin Mortenson	975 Fairfax St	Erin Mortenson
Jen Genberg	287 Suffield Ave	Jen Genberg

Petition to Create a Quarton Lakes Estates Neighborhood  
Playground Adjacent to Fire Station #2

Name	Address	Signature
Kate Bongiorno	684 Puritan Avenue	Kate Bongiorno
JAMES BONGIORNO	684 PURITAN AVE	J Bongiorno
<sup>Patricia Andrews</sup> Patricia Andrews	235 Chesterfield	Patricia Andrews
Keri Robson	993 Suffield Ave	Keri Robson
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MIKE BARD	916 SUFFIELD AVE	Mike Bard
Sarah Eversman	916 Suffield Ave	Sarah Eversman
NELISSA MARK	635 PURITAN AVE	Nelissa Mark
Thomas Mark	635 Puritan Ave	Thomas Mark
CYNTHIA LERON	672 Puritan Ave	Cynthia Leron
Amanda Schairer	1444 Chesterfield Ave	Amanda Schairer

SUSAN CONWAY	998 Brookwood Bham	Susan Conway
William Conway	11 11 11	William Conway
TRICIA PRAY	607 Pilgrim Birmingham	Tricia Pray
Darleen Mahler	1280 Redding Rd Birmingham	Darleen Mahler
HUGH MAHLER	1280 Redding Rd Birmingham	Hugh Mahler
ANTHONY FOREST	1098 FAIRFAX ST. BIRMINGHAM	Anthony Forest
Mariani Rahman	1757 Winthrop Ln, Birmingham	Mariani Rahman
LISA HOFFMAN	1862 Winthrop Lane	Lisa Hoffman
Jennifer Goertz	316 Puritan,	Jennifer Goertz
Laura Host	639 Puritan	Laura Host
BRAE HOST	639 Puritan	Brae Host
PASCALE BAUER	1791 PINE STREET	Pascale Bauer
William Beachum	701 Puritan	William Beachum



**AGENDA ITEM #2: Letter dated July 10, 2020-Requesting a New Park & Playground-Quarton Lakes Estates**

Lauren introduced Kate Bongiorno who presented a proposal for a playground in the Quarton Lake Neighborhood next to fire station #2, located on Maple Rd. and Chesterfield Rd. Kate stated it would be a park with a playground that would provide opportunities to the community for recreation activities.

Katie iterated the next steps would include community conversations. The area would include an all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo.

Lauren stated that the property is about a .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 and is not identified on any of the City of Birmingham maps in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Lauren stated that the timing is good for this type of project.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Parks Bond Opportunity- City Commission Meeting Agenda Item July 20, 2020:**

Lauren presented the supporting background information in terms of the park bond opportunity, Language which is strictly a supplement to Annmarie's presentation.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Parks and Recreation Bond –email received from John Rusche**

John stated he was motivated on sending the email after watching the deliberations from City Commission and the comments on how does the City Commission even knows that the Parks and Recreation Board is behind the Parks and Recreation bond.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a Kenning Skate Park, Emails received from Dr. Anna Groebe and Jackie Ruppert**

Lauren provided an exchange of communication on different uses of Kenning Skate Park. Lauren stated that staff is looking at other skate parks and once information is available they will be contacted so information maybe share with them once the item returns back to the Parks and Recreation Board. Lauren also stated that the parks rules and regulations will also be forthcoming.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b Letter regarding Kenning Skate Park-received from Henry Franco**

Lauren provided a letter that was received from Henry Franco regarding using scooters in the Lincoln Skate Park.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

## **City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy**

Thank you for considering Parks and Recreation in the City of Birmingham for your donation. We welcome donations from individuals, foundations, non-profit organizations and corporations and look forward to working with you.

While donations for our parks will enrich the community, the City of Birmingham recognizes that its open spaces, trails and recreation areas are precious resources. Accordingly, the City of Birmingham desires to protect and preserve the open, tranquil atmosphere of our parks, to protect the natural quality of our trails and to enhance the development of our recreational assets. Therefore, donations for park improvements and recreation programming will be considered with the support of those goals in mind.

### **I. DONATION CATEGORIES**

The City of Birmingham welcomes donations in several categories including:

- a) Park landscaping elements include trees, shrubs and other flora. Donations of all landscaping elements, however, must be approved species and there may be site specific limitations. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Donor Program for further information.
- b) Park amenities for the purchase, replacement or refurbishment and maintenance of park benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, playground components and the like. Although suggestions from donors will be considered for the placement of a donated park amenity, final decisions as to location will be determined by the City of Birmingham. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Gift Donor Program for further information.
- c) Park features include arbors, pavilions, plazas, gardens, and the like. Such features must enhance the park, enrich the experience of park users and be consistent with park planning processes. Accordingly, such proposed donations will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Donors may contact the City of Birmingham or the Director of Public Services to discuss proposed park features.
- d) Monetary donations, such as cash or negotiable securities, may be used toward the development and general upkeep of park elements, amenities and features. Donors may identify a specific use for the City's consideration, or funds may be used to best meet the needs of the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation projects.

### **II. DONATION GUIDELINES**

In order to have a consistent donor program, the following guidelines endeavor to address both the needs and resource capabilities of the City of Birmingham and the desire of donors to support Birmingham's Parks. Donors should contact the Director of Public Services to discuss donation ideas.

- a) The City wants to ensure the best appearance and aesthetic quality of its parks. Thus, donations should satisfy a true need of an approved park scheme.

II. **DONATION GUIDELINES** *(continued)*

- b) All donations will be reviewed for appropriateness and compatibility with the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plans. The City reserves the right to decline any donation if, upon review, the donation is (1) limited by special restrictions, conditions or covenants which pose unreasonable budgetary or maintenance obligations on the City, or (2) not in the best interest of the City.
- c) Donors may be asked to appear before the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board and/or the City Commission, to present their donation proposal. Public comment and feedback may be considered during the review process.
- d) The City understands that donors may have preferences regarding the choice of design professionals, vendors and contractors, and preferences regarding the location, size, scale, color and materials of donated elements, amenities and features. The City, however, must adhere to the open bid process requirements, if applicable, and to other City policies and goals. Accordingly, final decisions on all details of the proposed donation shall be at the sole discretion of the City of Birmingham.
- e) While the City recognizes the generally good intentions behind any donation, the City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to decline any gift or donation.
- f) Upon acceptance by the City, any donated element, amenity or feature, becomes City of Birmingham property. The City has an interest in ensuring that all park elements, amenities and features remain in good repair and will provide, at its sole discretion, reasonable maintenance of donated items. The City, however, is under no continuing obligation to repair, replace or maintain perpetual care for any donated item.
- g) The City will make a reasonable effort to notify a donor of any damage, theft or other loss to a donated item and may, at its sole discretion, repair or replace such a donated item to the extent it deems practical, or as described in the original gift agreement, if any.
- h) Because donations to the City of Birmingham may be tax deductible, donors are encouraged to consult with their tax advisor.

III. **DONOR RECOGNITION**

- a) Recognition shall be provided for all gifts given to the City of Birmingham for park improvements, subject to such general policy changes and amendments as may be implemented by the City Commission.
- b) "Naming rights" on any park feature or element are subject to the approval of the City Commission.
- c) All donations will be acknowledged by a letter of appreciation from the City of Birmingham.



Connie Folk &lt;cfolk@bhamgov.org&gt;

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**Fwd: Concerns for Parks & Rec Board**

1 message

**Lauren Wood** <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" &lt;Cfolk@bhamgov.org&gt;, "Laird, Carrie" &lt;Claird@bhamgov.org&gt;

To include the email with my report which I will send to you later.

May Parks Board item.

Thanks!

**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: **Lauren Wood** <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 9:23 AM

Subject: Re: Concerns for Parks &amp; Rec Board

To: Rackeline Hoff &lt;rhoff@bhamgov.org&gt;

Cc: Tom Markus &lt;tmarkus@bhamgov.org&gt;

Good Morning Racky,

I will most certainly share your concerns with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Just so you know, these same issues have been identified by the Administration as items to consider as part of this evaluation.

Thank you again for passing along your ideas. If you think of anything else, please let me know.

Yes, organized youth sports are back on our fields, effective yesterday. All groups are required to sign an acknowledgement of the most recent MDHHS interim guidance for athletics to resume play.

Have a great day!

Lauren

**Lauren Wood**

Director of Public Services

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Communication/Discussion Item #2b



On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 10:47 PM Rackeline Hoff <[rhoff@bhamgov.org](mailto:rhoff@bhamgov.org)> wrote:

Hi Lauren, when the Parks and Rec Board discusses the possibility of creating a new park next to the Chesterfield Fire Station, please share my concerns re: the following:

1. Safety of locating playground for young children directly on Maple Road
2. Noise from Fire Dept. sirens and weather alerts (first Saturday of every month, March thru September)
3. Parking on neighborhood streets by park users
4. Space needed by fire department

Also, a question -- were the restrictions for organized sports lifted today so they can return to City parks?

Thanks,  
Racky

**DATE:** April 28, 2021

**TO:** Thomas M. Markus, City Manager

**FROM:** Paul A. Wells, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Fire Station 2 Park Consideration

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The City of Birmingham's Fire Station 2 (previously known as the Chesterfield Fire Station) was rebuilt and opened in October 2018. The Station is situated on a lot of approximately 1.37 acres; half of which is developed. The eastern parcel of the property is an open field with some adult trees. Station 2 is staffed 24/7 with four personnel consisting of three Firefighter/Paramedics and one Lieutenant. These positions staff an advanced life support (ALS) engine and an ALS rescue.

With the possibly of having a park built on the eastern property I have some concerns and requests which I have listed below.

- The fire station can be a busy place with trucks leaving emergent and backing into the station after details or emergency calls. There is concern that a park located directly on the same parcel could lead to unattended children getting close to the emergency apparatus. Additionally, fire trucks do not have lockable doors or keys for the ignition. They are often unattended while fire fighters are inside getting supplies or training.
- Periodically, the fire crews flow the fire engine master streams onto the parcel in consideration. This is an annual requirement to test the fire pump and its capabilities. It is also done for training purposes throughout the year. The amount of water flowed is around 1,500 gallons per minute which can very quickly soak down the area. Hose streams from portable hand lines are also deployed during training into this area.
- The considered park is also close to a very busy roadway. I have concern for unattended children chasing balls into the street.
- With the ever increasing role of the modern firefighter and the possibility of potential unforeseen growth in the department, this property must always remain available to the Fire Department. Future needs may require expansion of the current Station 2, addition of a separate training facility, etc.
- Fire Station 2 also has one of Oakland County's emergency alert severe weather sirens located behind the station. This gets tested 8 times a year and will be extremely loud with its close proximity to the parcel in consideration.

- Station 2 is a secure building and often is not occupied when firefighters are on a detail or emergency call. There are no public restrooms at Station 2. Additionally, there is no access to tap into the Station's sewers or water supply on the east wall to have an outside bathroom for the park. I have concerns that there will be frequent requests to use the bathroom, creating issues due to the lack of public facilities at Station 2.

## **Birmingham City Commission Minutes**

**April 26, 2021**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting ID: 655 079 760**

**Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3470/videos/538949933/>**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pierre Boutros, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Alexandra Bingham, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Boutros (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Mayor Pro Tem Longe (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Commissioner Baller (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Commissioner Hoff (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Commissioner Host (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Commissioner Nickita (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Commissioner Sherman (location: Birmingham, MI)

Absent: None

Administration: City Manager Markus, City Clerk Bingham, Police Chief Clemence, City Planner Dupuis, City Attorney Kucharek, Planning Director Ecker, Finance Director Gerber, Interim HR Director/Assistant City Manager Hock, Building Official Johnson, City Attorney Kucharek, DPS Director Wood

### **III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- Proclamation on Mental Health Awareness
- Proclamation on Gun Violence Awareness

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### **04-115-21 Appointment of Larry Bertollini to the Architectural Review Committee**

The Commission noted that Larry Bertollini was not able to attend the present meeting, but has been a member of the ARC since 2012.

**MOTION:** Nomination by Commissioner Host:

though there may not be flexibility in the building's parameters on the applicant's part, the City must still either approve buildings that adhere to ordinance or grant variances from the ordinances.

Public Comment

Mr. Canvasser additionally asked the Commission to indicate when the agreements in the proposal would be re-addressed.

Commissioner Nickita said the Commission's regular consideration of the item over a number of months indicates its intention to try and work out a mutually beneficial agreement with the applicant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Ayes, Commissioner Nickita  
                                 Mayor Pro Tem Longe  
                                 Commissioner Host  
                                 Mayor Boutros  
                                 Commissioner Hoff  
                                 Commissioner Baller  
                                 Commissioner Sherman

Nays, None

**04-123-21    2021 Initial Screening for Bistro Applicants - Spring**

PD Ecker reviewed the item. She noted that Maple & One would be pursuing a SLUP amendment instead of a bistro license.

Commissioner Sherman recommended The French Lady re-apply in Fall 2021 given that there were two other bistro reviews pending and one with a scheduled public hearing.

**MOTION:**                     Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Hoff:  
To take no action on the bistro application for The French Lady at this time.

In reply to Commissioner Nickita, PD Ecker concurred it would be useful to give the fall bistro applicants a 90-day time limit for submitting their documentation moving forward so that it was more clear how many bistro licenses might be available for the spring applicants.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Ayes, Commissioner Sherman  
                                 Commissioner Hoff  
                                 Commissioner Baller  
                                 Mayor Pro Tem Longe  
                                 Commissioner Host  
                                 Commissioner Nickita  
                                 Mayor Boutros

Nays, None

**04-124-21    Chesterfield Fire Station - Park Designation**

**MOTION:**                     Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Baller:  
To refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review, discussion and recommended actions about designating a portion of the Chesterfield Fire Station property as a City Park and provide

formal park naming procedures. Further, to consider potential park site amenities and budget implications in order to undertake such endeavor, and to take into consideration the needs of the Chesterfield Fire Station.

Commissioner Hoff said she would send her list of concerns about this proposal to DPS Director Wood for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Nickita recommended that Parks and Recreation Board consider how this proposed park would fit within the City's system of parks overall.

Commissioner Baller expressed interest in Commissioner Hoff's concerns, said he concurred with Commissioner Nickita, and said that this item might be a good opportunity for the City to utilize the Bang the Table tool or other ways to facilitate collaboration on the discussion between the Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Ayes, Commissioner Sherman  
                                 Commissioner Baller  
                                 Mayor Pro Tem Longe  
                                 Commissioner Host  
                                 Commissioner Nickita  
                                 Mayor Boutros  
                                 Commissioner Hoff

Nays, None

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **04-125-21 Unimproved Streets Policy Modifications**

Consulting City Engineer Surhigh summarized the item. In reply to Commissioner Hoff, he stated that an expression of interest would be solicited from residents once the Engineering Department completes its unimproved streets rankings.

CM Markus added that the City would provide the residents of unimproved streets with an estimate of the approximate costs of improving their street. He said this process moves the City more towards initiating the process of improving streets versus only waiting for resident petitions as was done in the past. He also stated that assessments would occur as part of the process, and that it was unrealistic to imagine the City would be able to fund the entire process.

Commissioner Baller ventured that residents often care more about the condition of the street's surface than the condition of the water lines or sewers. Consequently, he recommended that the Engineering Department weigh the former criterion more heavily than the latter in its ranking system.

**MOTION:**                Motion by Commissioner Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Nickita:  
To follow up on the unimproved streets workshop in regards to unimproved street policy modifications.  
(Complete resolution in agenda packet)

Mayor Pro Tem Longe said she was in support of the resolution as it would help clarify the likely costs and help inform future City policy on the matter.

Mayor Boutros commended Consulting City Engineer Surhigh for his work on the item.



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# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena

City of Birmingham Parks & Recreation Update 8-10-21

Communication/Discussion Item #2



# Schedule Update

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## August

- Ice arena concrete pour
- Install underground plumbing
- Addition block wall install
- Addition brick veneer install
- Finish interior painting
- Elect./Plumbing/HVAC/Fire Suppression installations
- Ceramic tile showers
- Acoustical tile ceiling grid and pads
- Refrigeration equipment installations





# Schedule Update

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## September

- Bench installations
- Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing installations
- Aluminum storefront glass installations
- Bleacher installation
- Rubber flooring installations
- Team locker room installations
- AV/PA/Tech installations
- Final inspections







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Studio Rink Addition







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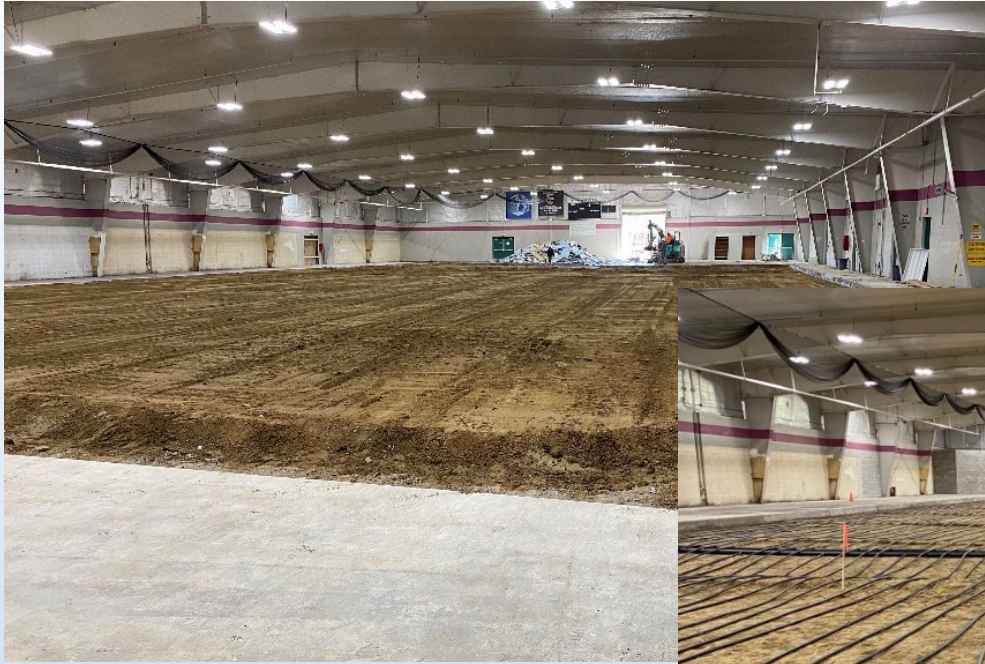
# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Studio Rink Renovation







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink

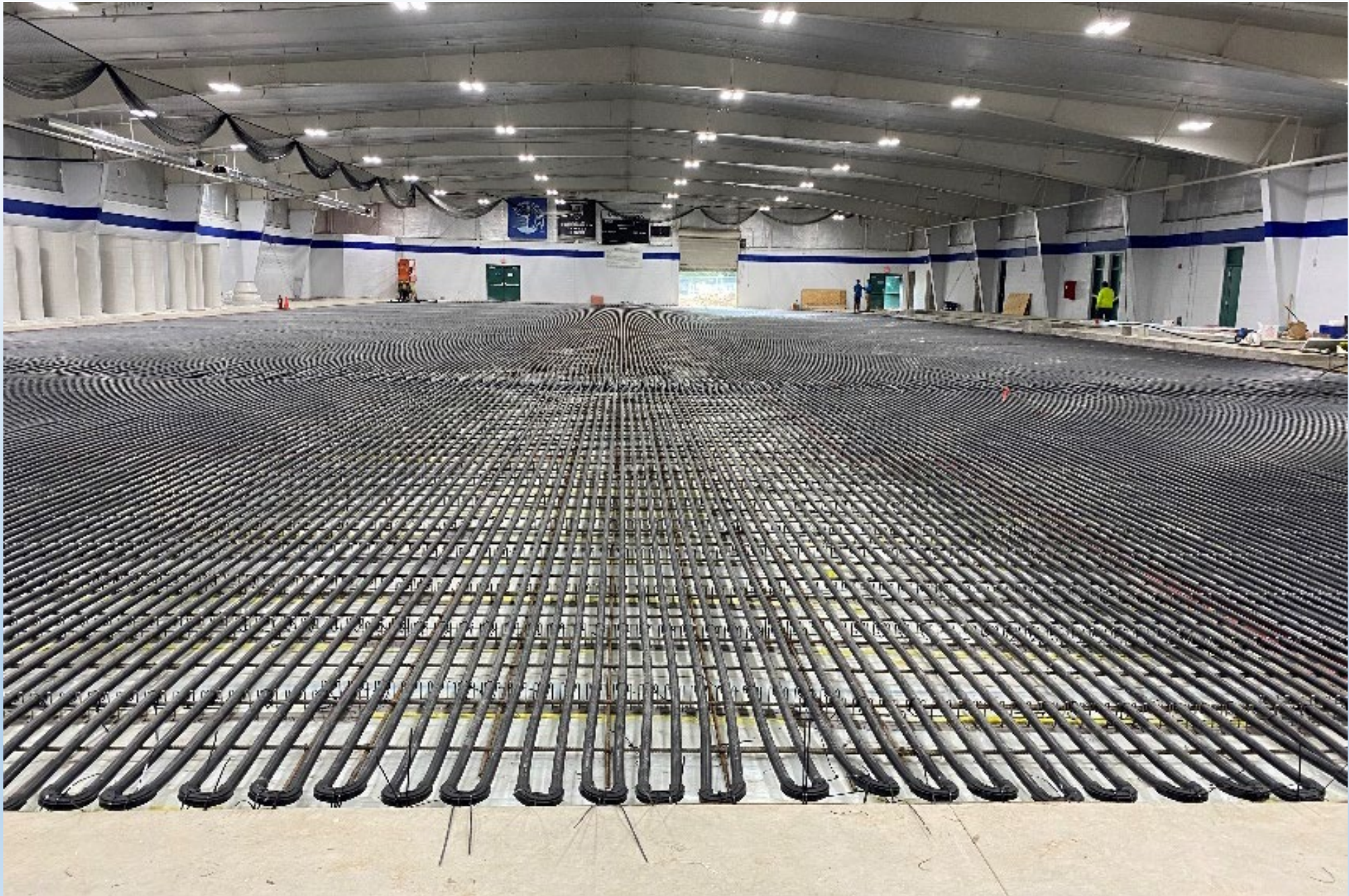






## Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink

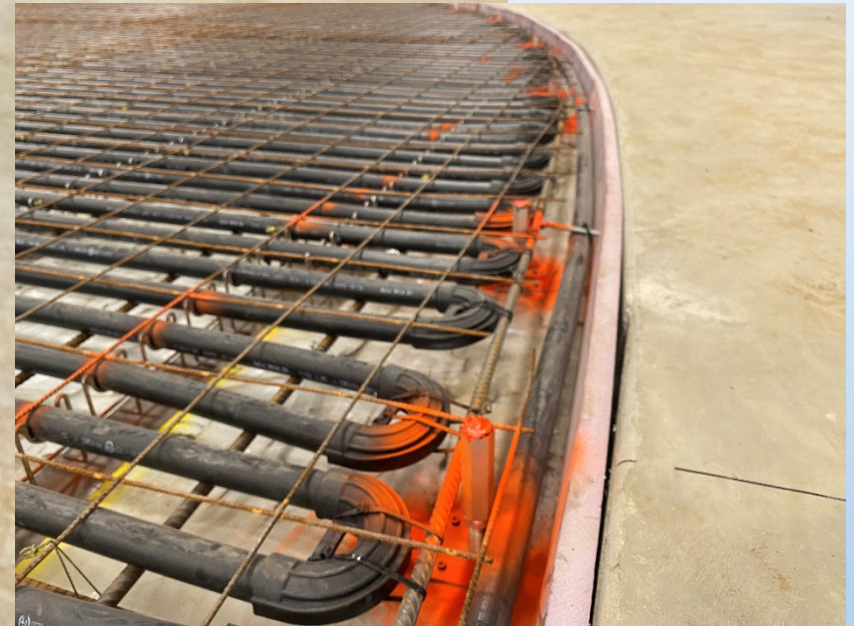
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## Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink







## Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink Pour 6:00am







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink Pour 8-3-21







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# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Main Rink Pour 8-3-21







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Locker Room Addition







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Lobby Renovation







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – New Transformer







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena –Mechanical Room Renovation







# Birmingham Ice Sports Arena – Zamboni Room Expansion







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	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	9,382	20,462	10,714	22,141	20,096	42,603	11,914	16,261
MERCHANDISE SALES	1,730	4,202	3,196	7,645	4,926	11,847	6,380	10,269
WEEK DAY GREENS FEES	37,574	97,527	44,400	116,773	81,973	214,300	102,236	183,911
WEEKEND & HOLIDAY GREENS	17,562	57,130	16,411	62,144	33,973	119,274	41,404	98,295
PULL CART RENTALS	1,109	2,598	1,126	2,616	2,235	5,213	2,685	5,773
TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	1,942	2,353	408	708	2,350	3,061	-	-
CLASSES	-	-	1,817	80,690	1,817	80,690	1,150	1,150
GOLF CART RENTALS	18,278	44,529	16,555	47,905	34,833	92,434	39,478	52,873
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP	600	2,300	200	5,721	800	8,021	1,125	8,525
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	5,608	33,608	7,800	144,025	13,408	177,633	26,850	137,880
UNLIMITED GOLF PASS	200	200	-	6,000	200	6,200	-	4,400
RESIDENT PASS	1,279	5,469	2,420	13,545	3,699	19,014	-	-
GOLF HANDICAP FEE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	-	2,901	16,468	2,901	16,468	55,377	73,109
LEASE PAYMENTS	2,269	13,509	642	3,851	2,911	17,360	2,831	16,883
SUNDRY & MISCELLANEOUS	15	480	162	1,688	177	2,169	382	670
CASH OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)	7	7	43	166	51	173	-	20
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>97,555</b>	<b>284,374</b>	<b>108,796</b>	<b>532,087</b>	<b>206,350</b>	<b>816,461</b>	<b>291,812</b>	<b>610,019</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
<u>FINANCE</u>								
ADMINISTRATION COST	1,599	9,595	1,599	9,595	3,198	19,190	3,140	18,840
AUDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SUB-TOTAL FINANCE</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>9,595</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>9,595</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>19,190</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>18,840</b>
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	13,143	31,658	12,468	32,163	25,611	63,821	28,463	62,501
OVERTIME PAY	66	172	1	7	68	178	77	82
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	1,027	2,428	951	2,434	1,978	4,861	1,925	4,483
HOSPITALIZATION	1,203	4,223	1,008	3,755	2,212	7,978	2,355	9,711
LIFE	23	92	23	92	46	185	44	197
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	354	2,105	354	2,101	708	4,206	(12,081)	(8,605)
DENTAL/OPTICAL	70	276	70	276	139	553	156	750
LT/ST DISABILITY	42	166	42	166	83	332	76	335
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	142	362	150	378	292	740	306	707
SICK LEAVE PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	255	1,532	255	1,532	511	3,064	8,338	10,113
HRA BENEFIT	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	20

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RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	419	1,666	419	1,666	838	3,332	776	3,473
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	120	477	120	477	240	954	231	1,036
OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,960	8,609	3,649	8,548	7,608	17,157	4,322	21,071
EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	-	-	-	228	-	228	-	810
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	557	4,531	1,374	5,175	1,931	9,706	300	11,631
TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC UTILITY	730	1,386	1,102	2,452	1,831	3,838	2,215	4,239
GAS UTILITY	42	934	42	710	83	1,644	112	1,603
WATER UTILITY	-	-	-	155	-	155	-	132
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAINING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	819
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	2,500	15,000	2,417	14,500	4,917	29,500	4,917	29,502
SUB-TOTAL MAINTENANCE	24,652	75,627	24,444	76,823	49,096	152,450	42,532	154,610
<u>CLUBHOUSE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	19,037	38,197	25,674	54,349	44,711	92,546	40,766	80,891
OVERTIME PAY	217	832	642	1,860	859	2,692	781	2,168
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	1,491	2,981	2,065	4,328	3,556	7,309	3,171	6,351
HOSPITALIZATION	1,471	5,816	1,906	6,932	3,377	12,747	3,571	15,298
LIFE	3	11	3	11	6	22	5	22
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	370	2,181	370	2,177	740	4,358	(12,494)	(8,897)
DENTAL/OPTICAL	79	312	79	312	158	624	179	862
LT/ST DISABILITY	47	187	47	187	94	375	88	390
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	237	469	327	681	564	1,150	503	1,003
SICK TIME PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	255	1,532	255	1,532	511	3,064	9,187	11,133
HRA BENEFIT	-	20	-	20	-	40	-	40
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	464	1,834	464	1,834	928	3,668	860	3,814
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	121	478	121	478	242	956	228	1,014
OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,835	6,734	1,747	6,300	3,582	13,034	4,383	16,681
FOOD & BEVERAGE	1,750	4,497	3,361	6,682	5,111	11,179	4,079	6,784
BEER AND WINE	1,761	4,913	1,423	4,190	3,184	9,103	1,344	1,668
MERCHANDISE	582	3,096	1,745	4,336	2,327	7,432	2,267	5,981
EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	-	807	-	807	-	1,614	-	1,986
INSTRUCTORS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,716	3,315	2,399	6,742	4,114	10,057	6,916	12,907
TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTUAL ALARM	87	736	160	1,121	247	1,857	247	1,462
ELECTRIC UTILITY	1,235	3,234	1,480	3,016	2,715	6,250	2,306	4,724



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GAS UTILITY	49	1,161	37	401	86	1,563	139	1,129
WATER UTILITY	-	596	-	450	-	1,046	122	516
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	457	166	623	166	1,080	117	2,421
MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	-	1,945	-	1,945	-	3,890	-	3,700
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAINING	-	625	-	625	-	1,250	-	1,287
MEMBERSHIPS & DUES	-	281	-	281	-	561	-	561
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	-	625	-	625	-	1,250	-	409
DEPRECIATION	-	19,229	-	18,522	-	37,751	9,290	55,525
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	4,001	4,001	4,001	4,001	8,001	8,001	5,850	17,905
LIAB INSURANCE PREMIUMS	339	7,305	339	8,143	678	15,448	678	23,821
LIQUOR LICENSE	-	1,253	-	1,253	-	2,506	-	2,505
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-	-	8,333	50,000	8,333	50,000	16,667	100,002
SUB-TOTAL CLUBHOUSE	37,148	119,660	57,144	194,764	94,291	314,423	101,250	376,063
TOTAL EXPENSES	63,399	204,882	83,187	281,182	146,586	486,064	146,922	549,513
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	34,156	79,492	25,609	250,905	59,765	330,397	144,890	60,506
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION AND TRANSFERS)						418,148		216,033



## Golf Report – August 4, 2021

Rounds were down compared to last year, but it was expected as more people are getting vaccinated and beginning to take part in other activities and traveling. We also experienced high records of precipitation that hindered our weekend play in late June and the month of July. However, we anticipate a steady stream of golfers as we move to the latter part of summer and should end with another great season.

### ROUNDS HISTORY - 5 YEAR

MONTH	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021		
	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	60	0	60	0	0	0	297	0	297	216	0	216	666	0	666
April	2,816	1,383	4,199	2,471	0	2,471	2,157	1,569	3,726	918	324	1,242	3,923	3,508	7,431
May	4,759	3,975	8,734	4,303	2,410	6,713	3,425	2,819	6,244	5,096	4,368	9,464	5,446	4,830	10,276
June	5,812	4,431	10,243	5,245	4,544	9,789	5,322	4,232	9,554	6,476	5,985	12,461	6,337	4,793	11,130
July	6,027	4,720	10,747	5,858	5,027	10,885	5,518	4,788	10,306	7,514	5,792	13,306	5,440	5,341	10,781
August	3,631	3,974	7,605	3,950	3,893	7,843	4,459	4,461	8,920	5,189	5,350	10,539			0
September	3,057	3,089	6,146	2,929	2,828	5,757	3,026	2,998	6,024	4,904	4,124	9,028			0
October	2,556	1,610	4,166	1,289	1,486	2,775	2,510	1,696	4,206	3,279	1,916	5,195			0
November	610	0	610	0	383	383	306	0	306	2,576	0	2,576			0
December	185	0	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29,513</b>	<b>23,182</b>	<b>52,695</b>	<b>26,045</b>	<b>20,571</b>	<b>46,616</b>	<b>27,020</b>	<b>22,563</b>	<b>49,583</b>	<b>36,168</b>	<b>27,859</b>	<b>64,027</b>	<b>21,812</b>	<b>18,472</b>	<b>40,284</b>



## Membership Analysis - CY 2016- 2021

	CY 2016		CY 2017		CY 2018		CY 2019		CY 2020		CY July 31, 2021	
MEMBERSHIPS	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Business	109	13%	92	10%	107	12%	58	8%	68	6%	81	7%
Non-Resident - Individual	475	55%	502	56%	499	56%	426	59%	636	60%	746	61%
Non-Resident - Dual	194	23%	220	24%	222	25%	193	27%	247	23%	277	23%
Non-Resident - Family	78	9%	84	9%	59	7%	51	7%	106	10%	124	10%
Total	856	100%	898	100%	887	100%	728	100%	1057	100%	1228	100%

	CY 2016		CY 2017		CY 2018		CY 2019		CY 2020		CY July 31, 2021	
RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	#		#		#		#		#		#	
Resident	1,874		1,898		1,744		1,675		1,809		1,812	

	SALES		SALES		
REVENUES	CY July 31, 2021		CY July 31, 2021		DIFFERENCE
Greens Fee	\$433,636	58.37%	\$452,366	52.13%	\$18,730
Cart Fee	\$101,184	13.62%	\$136,190	15.70%	\$35,006
Memberships	\$174,505	23.49%	\$217,228	25.03%	\$42,723
Food & Beverage	\$17,347	2.33%	\$26,634	3.07%	\$9,287
Beer	\$14,832	2.00%	\$30,019	3.46%	\$15,187
Wine	\$1,449	0.20%	\$5,270	0.61%	\$3,821
Total	\$742,952	100.00%	\$867,706	100.00%	\$124,754



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**Bees in the D President Brian Peterson-Roest inspects a beehive frame, looking for eggs to ensure the queen bee is healthy. Bees in the D maintains four beehives on the rooftop of Shinola Hotel in Detroit.**

**Photo by Jonathan Shead**



# Bills aim to save state's pollinators by banning new pesticides on public land

***'We're looking at a dangerous road to possible extinction of these insects'***

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METRO DETROIT — Two new Michigan House bills have been introduced in an effort to save the state's bees, butterflies and other native pollinators.

House Bill 4895, introduced by District 41 state Rep. Padma Kuppa, seeks to ban neonicotinoid pesticides on public land to protect the state's food supply and support healthy ecosystems for its pollinators.

"It's related to nicotine. It's a new class of insecticides that's toxic, not only to bees, but to monarch butterflies and other important pollinators and beneficial insects," Kuppa said.

Neonicotinoids affect the central nervous system of insects and can contain any of the following ingredients: acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, thiacloprid, thiamethoxam and/or nitenpyram.

House Bill 4896, introduced by District 37 state Rep. Samantha Steckloff, proposes milkweed plants no longer be defined as a noxious plant, to limit the control and extinction of the plant, which serves as the only food source for monarch caterpillars.

Both representatives said the motivation to introduce the bills came from personal connections to beekeepers and local farmers. Kuppa and Steckloff believe the bills will not only preserve and support the state's pollinators, but also support the food supply chain and economy.

Honeybees are estimated to add \$15 billion in value to the country's crops through pollination, and worldwide pollinators contribute to the production of roughly 35% of global crops.

"I just think we're at the point of no return. If we don't fix this issue, we're looking at a dangerous road to possible extinction of these insects, and if we don't have them, there goes our food source, our economy. Everything comes crashing (down)," Steckloff said.

## Damaging declines

Honeybees, butterflies and other native pollinator populations weren't depleted down to concerning numbers overnight. In 2006, researchers began collecting data from the nation's beekeepers on annual colony losses through the Bee Informed Partnership, which have seen population declines stay consistently alarming every year since researchers began.



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**Peterson-Roest pulls out a frame. The hives are part of Bees in the D's efforts to create urban gardens.**

**Photo by Jonathan Shead**



Average colony loss during the winter — the hardest season for beehives to survive — for backyard operations, described as managing 50 or fewer beehives, showed a 41.9% decline from 2007-2020. Sideline operations, or managing 51-500 beehives, saw an average loss of 33.4%, and commercial operations, which managed 500 or more beehives, saw an average decrease of 27.7% over that time period, according to Bee Informed data.

Between 2019 and 2020, Michigan saw a 52.3% decline in honeybee colonies as reported to Bee Informed by 128 Michigan beekeepers. The state had 1,430 active colonies that year.

In Michigan alone, there are 450 different species of bees, Bees in the D President and co-founder Brian Peterson-Roest said. In the United States, there's 4,000.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a national report on honeybee health in 2012, citing concerns that parasites, pathogens, poor nutrition due to diminished food supply, and exposure to pesticides were main contributors to pollinator population loss. The main contributors have stayed the same up to today, Peterson-Roest said.

"Unfortunately, pesticides are up at the top of the list," he said. "Another one of the biggest contributors is diseases in parasites, especially the Varroa mites, but pesticides are huge, and also climate change and the loss of habitat are big factors as well."

Bees in the D is a local nonprofit that maintains 198 honeybee hives across metro Detroit and parts of Canada. They educate people on the importance of bees and other native pollinators to the environment, and have a large focus on growing urban gardens, with beehives located on the rooftops of the TCF Center, Shinola Hotel and more.

The work to protect pollinators continued at the state level in 2016, when the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development introduced plans to develop a managed pollinator protection plan that provided stakeholders with non-regulatory guidance on reducing pesticide risk and preserving pollinators. A representative from MDARD could not be reached for comment by press time. For more information, visit [michigan.gov/mdard](https://michigan.gov/mdard).

"It's a preventable extinction. The extinction is coming from human beings, and we can prevent it, which is why it's important we really work on this," Steckloff said.

## **Education plus legislation**

As newly introduced House bills, the two have a long way to go before a possible implementation. Both bills are currently waiting to be brought up to a hearing, Steckloff said, and to be reviewed by the Agriculture Policy Committee.

Despite the slow-moving pace of the Legislature, both representatives believe the continued research on the use and consequences of neonicotinoid pesticides, as to be conducted by MDARD if House Bill 4895 were to pass, will be critical to understanding the best course of action to protect the state's pollinators moving forward.

"When you do placemaking and planning, the idea is to build the plan from the ground up to get people to join you in wanting to ban neonicotinoids, but you can't get people to join you if you don't explain what the problem is. That's why the piece of the bill that provides the report is so essential," Kuppia said. "It's difficult to do if we don't have the educational component behind it. The report is going to do a lot of good in letting residents know what the needs are, (and) why those needs are there."

If passed, House Bill 4895 would go in effect a year after the implementation date, to provide users with time to find an alternative, Kuppia said. House Bill 4896 would become effective immediately if passed.

House Bill 4895 also contains language that would allow municipalities to enforce stricter local guidelines on the banning of neonicotinoid pesticides.

When thinking about the population declines, and the help he believes this legislation could bring, Peterson-Roest sees this issue as similar to the concerning trend toward extinction that bald eagles faced in the early 1960s. After fish were contaminated with the chemical compound DDT and eaten by bald eagles, the eagle population dwindled to only 487 nesting pairs in 1963, according to data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Once (DDT) was banned, the bald eagles, as we now know, are a huge success story. I really feel this bill parallels it," he said. "These pesticides that are being used are extremely deadly to our pollinators, and not just bees, but our butterflies, our moths and other animals, like hummingbirds."

Trace amounts of neonicotinoid pesticides can sometimes be found in boxed foods, like cereal, as well as fruits and produce we buy, Peterson-Roest added.

"What they do in rural parts of Michigan affects all of us across the state," Kuppa said. "I know that what happens in urban and rural areas of the state impacts me, because we're an entire state. We're not unconnected in some way."

### **Ask for a mile, get an inch**

While Steckloff and Kuppa acknowledge that oftentimes in government you can ask for a lot and come out with only a few compromises, they believe these two House bills are a great first step.

"It's not going to fix the problem, but it can help the problem," Steckloff said. "You know the government, you ask for a mile, (and) you can take an inch."

The Republican-led Legislature could be a factor.

"It must be brought up to a hearing, and that's the decision of the chair. That's where the majority and minority party have issues, because bees and butterflies should not be a Republican or Democratic issue," Steckloff added. "You want to talk about bipartisan support, you would think bees and monarchs would be perfect," but politics may unfortunately come into play.

Conversations around these bills may be moving slower than both representatives would like, but local conservation efforts made by Peterson-Roest and other organizations, are continuing to make a positive impact. Peterson-Roest has heard from beekeepers and farmers that an increase in pollinators in their garden or nearby have helped their produce grow 10-fold.

People can also help support pollinator conservation efforts easily at home, he said, by planting wildflowers, especially those native to Michigan, in their yard; leaving out a bowl of water with rocks for pollinators to safely land on and drink from; and by supporting local beekeepers and organizations like Bees in the D.

As local organizations continue to fight for pollinator conservation out in the field, Kuppa and Steckloff said they are determined to fight for it in Lansing.

"It's a long process, but when you believe in something, you don't give up. Rep. Kuppa and I did not just put these bills in to put them in. We put them in to get them passed," Steckloff said. "I think this is a great step to protecting the state's food chain, supply, and the economy. As we emerge from this pandemic, it's time to move forward and work on issues that propel us toward a better future."

For more information about the House bills, visit [legislature.mi.gov](http://legislature.mi.gov) (<http://legislature.mi.gov>). For more information about local efforts, visit [beesinthed.com](http://beesinthed.com) (<http://beesinthed.com>).