

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2013

Dominick Pulis, Vice-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross and Hannah Gould, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Jacky Brito, Golf Course Manager

GUESTS: Audrey Allen, Larry Bertollini, Dorothy Conrad, Jay Grossman, Pat Olson, Ann Steglich and David Young

It was moved by Therese Longe, seconded by Ryan Ross, that the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 4 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis and Ryan Ross)

Nays – 0

Absent-3 (John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1– Public Tennis Court Policy

Lauren presented the request from Connie on modifying the tennis reservation procedure. Connie is requesting that reservations to start at 9:00 am (Monday – Sunday) for tennis courts instead of the 12:00 pm start time.

Therese stated that the proposed tennis court rules that were included in the packet that perhaps the language could be clarified so in the last bullet point it's clear that the fee of \$5 per court/per day and liability insurance is only for what would be called commercial users of the court and that it does not apply to individual users of the courts.

Lauren asked the Parks and Recreation Board members if there would be any changes made to the proposed request.

Ryan stated that he would approve modifying the tennis reservations as requested.

Ross asked if the data could be reviewed to see how many people are reserving in the past year.

Pat Olson stated that making tennis reservation is for convenience and most senior tennis players like to play in the morning when it is cooler. Pat stated that having the reservation form when arriving at the tennis court eliminates any problems with private instructors that are on the tennis courts that have not reserved the courts.

Therese stated that it sounds reasonable to revise the reservation policy officially to allow people to reserve and to investigate getting consistent signage on all courts and that the rules presented ought to be modify to clear up the last bullet point.

Therese stated that the \$5 per court/per day that is charged to private instructors should be reviewed. Therese stated that it should be \$5 for two hours and you should not allow any one person to tie up a court all day.

Dominick stated that the first bullet point should read, "Priority use of the courts is for Birmingham residents that have a current Leisure Activity Pass".

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Golf Course Report, May 2013

Jacky discussed the golf course operating report, junior golf stats, rounds of golf and membership analysis.

Ryan stated that the Forest Hills Men's Club had an outing at Springdale Golf Course and had a wonderful time.

Ryan stated that being a builder he noticed that the Springdale clubhouse roof should be replaced.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – Golf Stats

The golf stats were previously discussed in communication/discussion item #2. No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 – Parks and Recreation Bond

Inquiry-Update

Lauren stated that this was a follow up from the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Larry Bertollini asked how much bond money was invested for Kenning Park?

Lauren stated that she would follow up with the Parks and Recreation Board at the next meeting on the amount of bond money that was invested for Kenning Park.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5 – Linn Smith Park Connection Suggestion

Lauren stated this was a communication that was received from the public.

Lauren stated that she would forward the communication to the planning director.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6 – Trail Improvement Project

Lauren stated this was just a recap of an item that was sent to the City Commission.

Lauren stated that a porous pave material will be added along the Rouge River Trail in wet areas that have been discussed in the past and where the woodchips have washed away on the Rouge River Trail.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #7 – Pickle Ball Court

Lauren stated that pickle ball has been tried at Lincoln Courts with permanent and portable lines. The department received several complaints from the tennis court users.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #8 – Kenning Park Field Sub-Committee-Update

Ryan stated last month the Kenning Park Sub-Committee met to discuss developing the bid structure for maintenance of the Kenning Park fields.

Ryan stated that Dave Palmeri, Little League representative, a representative from United Soccer and quite a few members of the Torry Community Association came to discuss Kenning Park.

Ryan stated Carrie Laird is working on a bid for the maintenance of the fields and that Dave Palmeri might be interested in contributing towards new dugouts.

Larry Bertollini stated that he is not convinced that the city needs four baseball diamonds and that someone should exam that.

Dorothy Conrad stated that the Senior Men's softball has practices and games at the diamond behind the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

Ross asked if the parks board could review the current usage of the fields and parks.

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Theresa stated there was a date of June 14th to complete Barnum Park and would like to know how the project stands.

Lauren stated that all the Barnum Park landscape work has been completed as part of the contract. The outstanding part of the work are the shade structures, for which more time was needed for the fabrication and steel work. A written extension for mid-July was given to the contractor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-

Dorothy stated that the condition of the Quarton Lake and how it has turned into a large lily pad.

Lauren stated that a media release has been sent out on the condition of Quarton Lake.

Lauren stated that the department is developing an action plan for treatment of the Quarton Lake lily pads.

Dominick stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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