

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 7, 2014**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bordman, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Bill Wiebrecht**

**MEMBERS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Ross Kaplan, Alex Cross, Student Representative and Scott Cusimano, Student Representative**

**ADMINISTRATION: Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator**

**GUESTS: Cindy Rose and Ashley Aidenbaum**

**It was moved by Pat Bordman, seconded by Art Stevens that the minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular meeting be approved as corrected.**

**Yeas - 6 (Pat Bordman, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)**

**Absent-1 (Ross Kaplan)**

**Nays – 0**

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 – 2015 Scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Dates**

**Connie handed out the 2015 scheduled Parks and Recreation Board meetings. There was discussion and changes were made to the July and October proposed meeting dates.**

**It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by John Meehan to approve the 2015 scheduled Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates.**

**Yeas - 6 (Pat Bordman, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)**

**Absent-1 (Ross Kaplan)**

**Nays – 0**

### **COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1 – Use of Permanent Soccer Goals**

**Connie followed up with the Parks and Recreation Board on the use of permanent soccer goals in city parks. A memorandum outlining the procedure was distributed as part of the Parks and Recreation Board packet.**

**No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a – Golf Course Financials**

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2b – Golf Course Report**

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2c – Golf Course “Head For The Links Close To Home” –website article**

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2d – Welcome To “FootGolf”**

Connie distributed to the Parks and Recreation Board the new fall program “FootGolf” that will be offered at Lincoln Hills on Saturdays in the fall.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1 – Quarton Lake Updates:**

Connie reported to the board that the spoils will be removed from Quarton Lake the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>. Connie reported that the treating of the lily pads will begin Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Tri-County Aquatics, Inc. will be performing the work.

Connie reported that a link for the MSU extension programs has been placed on the City of Birmingham website.

Connie stated all the new City of Birmingham park signs have been installed.

Bill handed out the Parks and Recreation Board minutes from July 10, 2001, September 2, 2003 and March 7, 2006 regarding Birmingham Little league and the proposed plans for Kenning Park. The Birmingham Little League had discussed donating to the projects during those the 2001 and 2006 meetings, but not the 2003 meeting when bond funds were available. but There was never any follow up from Birmingham Little League.

Ryan had stated that Dave Palmeri from the Birmingham Little League met with Joe Valentine, City Manager, Lauren Wood and himself to discuss redesigning two of the baseball fields at Kenning Park. Ryan stated that the department would be coming up with budget figures for the renovation of the Kenning Park fields

Connie stated that she is getting figures for crowning of St. James field, re-grading Adams Park and Crestview Park. Connie stated that she was working on replacement of the basketball nets and painting of the basketball poles and hoops at Adams, Pembroke and St. James Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pat stated that the Parks and Recreation Board mission statement is sorely out of date and could be enhanced to more reflect some of the more current thinking on recreation and parks. Pat would like to initiate some work on the Parks and Recreation Board mission statement.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Cindy Rose asked when Native Connections comes back into the City of Birmingham to access the invasive if she could be contacted to discuss the areas at Barnum Park.

Connie stated that at a previous Parks and Recreation Board meeting it was discussed that there would be a future city-wide assessment of City properties for invasive species.

Ashley asked the Parks and Recreation Board if there is a more organized donation process for the City of Birmingham and what discussions have occurred in the past.

Connie stated that there is a recognition program for donations of benches, trees and drinking fountains.

Therese stated that there was a committee formed to put together a city-wide donor policy for the City of Birmingham and the city commission declined to approve the city-wide policy and only approved the small Booth Park piece so that the project ~~to~~ could move forward. Therese stated that there has been no further movement on putting together a city-wide donor policy.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on November 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator