

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 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 and Scott Cusimano, Student Representative

MEMBERS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Ross Kaplan, Alex Cross, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS

GUESTS: Larry Bertollini, Bill Duffy, Nancy Duffy, Adam Green, Marshall Lasser and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Ryan Ross that the minutes of the August 12, 2014 regular meeting be approved.

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 – Joint meeting with City Commission on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the DPS Conference Room (*verbal*)
No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.**

Therese stated that this evening there will be a discussion on the priority items by the Parks and Recreation Board to present at the joint workshop session with the City Commission on Monday, September 15, 2014.

Therese opened the meeting up for Parks and Recreation Board discussion.

Bill stated that Manor Park is listed in the last few Parks and Recreation Master Plans as a neighborhood park but it should be classified as a community park. Manor Park is considered a Nature Preserve. Bill stated that at Manor Park, the park should be evaluated and consider alternate entrance location to relieve neighborhood impacts and increase usage.

Bill stated that Poppleton Park should be evaluated for additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users. Bill distributed photos of Poppleton Park showing an aerial of Poppleton Park and other additional photos of Poppleton Park. Bill stated that there are forty-five (45) parking spots.

Bill stated that it should be investigated in the possibility of creating an entrance off of Madison Avenue moving up and creating a counterclockwise cul-de-sac around the tennis courts, so that the traffic flow would be one-way to the eastside of the tennis courts through the existing parking lot and back on the west side. That would enable us to close off Rivenoak, the current entrance to the parking lot the current entrance of Poppleton which is Rivenoak. Bill stated that with the improved entrance and parking would provide up to seventy (75) parking spots.

Therese stated that at St. James Park the baseball fields need to be crowned.

Therese stated the fields that are used for soccer need to have more maintenance, more future sites for soccer uses and conditions of the open space that is used for soccer. Therese stated that Crestview, Adams Park and Barnum the grounds need to be graded, seeded and fertilized.

Therese stated that Adams Park is in need of site improvements with consultation with Roeper School and neighborhood groups.

Therese stated that Linn Smith/Linden Park the Parks and Recreation Board discussed during the site visit using the donor funds in investigating the possibility of a pedestrian bridge, as it has been called out in the Recreation Master Plan.

Therese stated in the Recreation Master Plan there was a discussion of a consideration of Phase 3 corner plaza development. Phase 3 corner plaza development could be discussed with the City of Birmingham Commission.

Therese stated that Kenning Park Master Plan will be discussed at the joint meeting with the City Commission and that **there** should be discussion about the Kenning Park Master Plan.

John stated that **there should be discussion on** improved enforcement of park rules and off leash dogs and dog waste.

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Pat stated that there should be a discussion about incorporating a playground area that has equipment that is designed specifically for children that have disabilities and incorporate in that area a surface that elderly can access the park easily. Pat stated that individuals that use walkers, a cane and or a wheelchair are really limited in their ability to use our parks.

Therese stated she wanted to use mechanisms to enhance advertising and marketing efforts for all parks/properties increase awareness.

Scott stated about putting up fencing or screening along Linden Park/Linn Smith Park to create a barrier from the residential housing that backs up to Linden Park/Linn Smith Park.

Marshall Lasser stated that creating a green screening along Linden Park. Marshall stated that adding seating, gardens and a bridge would be a wonderful project. Marshall stated that Linden Park is a beautiful park.

Adam Green stated that he lives directly across from Adams Park. Adam asked the Parks and Recreation Board about any further plans for Adams Park.

Therese stated there is no definite Adams Park Master Plan or allotted funding for Adams Park at this time.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Pat Bordman that it is a consensus that these priority items were discussed this evening and are supported by the Parks and Recreation Board is forward to the City Commission to be discussed at the joint City Commission meeting which will be held on September 15, 2014.

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

Absent-1 (Ross Kaplan)

Nays – 0

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Update on Outstanding Issues from the August 12, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a – Annual Employee Golf Tournament

The flyer was distributed.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b – Golf Course Financials

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3c – Golf Course Report and review of Resident Memberships

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4a – Email received from Ms. Pat Bordman: Definition of “Native Plants”

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4b – Email received from Pastor Steve Woodfin: Concerns regarding Kenning Park

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4c - Email received from Scott Cusimano: Park Publicity

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4d –Email received from Don & Alice Jendritz:

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items presented.

NEW BUSINESS

No items presented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NO ON THE AGENDA COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM:

Larry requested an explanation about permanent soccer nets at various City Parks.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on October 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator