

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2014**

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Bordman, Therese Longe, John Meehan (arrived at Crestview Park), Ryan Ross (arrived at Crestview Park) and Bill Wiebrecht

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Alex Cross, Student Representative and Scott Cusimano, Student Representative

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

**GUESTS:** Marcia Kaline

It was moved by Pat Bordman, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht to adjourn the meeting and to travel to Crestview Park for the beginning of the parks assessments.

There was not a quorum so a vote was not taken.

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. at Crestview Park.

Marcia Kaline stated to the Parks and Recreation Board that Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Club (BBSC) of whom she is representing uses the park space for soccer with portable nets and can only have 2 fields for soccer because of the condition of the grass. The park should be sprayed for weeds in the summer, rolled and seeded.

John stated that Crestview has a nice playground and tennis courts and that the park amenities are in good shape.

The Parks Board members then traveled to Poppleton Park.

Bill stated that additional parking needs to be added because of the volume of users of Poppleton Park. Bill stated that a new entrance from Madison could be added with additional parking.

Therese asked Connie if she could provide a list of the different users of Poppleton Park.

Connie stated that there are several groups who uses the diamond from April 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> and that the information could be provided.

Marcia stated that the open space behind the outfield fence could be used for soccer if additional parking spaces were added.

Ryan stated that there were fourteen (14) parking spaces.

Pat stated that the City of Birmingham does not have enough ADA play equipment for children with disabilities. Pat also stated that the woodchip material used around the play equipment is not a good surface for people who have mobility problems.

Therese stated that there are a couple new pieces of play equipment at Poppleton Park but that the large equipment needs to be replaced.

The Parks Board members then traveled to Adams Park.

Marcia stated that this park is in terrible shape and needs to be leveled, and re-seeded. Marsha also stated that BBSC can only be used the open space after 6:30 pm during the week because Roeper schools have activities until 6:00 pm.

Ryan stated that any park improvements to Adams Parks need to be in conjunction with Roeper Schools since they are also users of the Park.

The parks board traveled to Manor Park.

Bill stated that a walking path from Big Beaver could be developed to allow access to the path that runs through Manor Park. The path way would have to be developing so that it would not be in conflict with the widening of Big Beaver.

Therese stated that the next regular meeting will be held on August 12, 2014.

The special meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator