

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Bordman, Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Bill Wiebrecht and Scott Cusimano, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens and Alex Cross, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services, Jacky Brito, Golf Course Manager and Bryan Grill, Grounds Superintendent

GUESTS: Anne Bray, Dorothy Conrad, Barbara Heller, Denise Kulak, Cindy Rose

Therese welcomed Pat Bordman as the new Parks and Recreation Board member.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan that the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 5 (Pat Bordman, Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-Art Stevens

Lauren introduced Bryan Grill the City of Birmingham's new Grounds Superintendent.

Bryan stated that he graduated from Michigan State in 2000 and after graduating he started working at a private course on the east side, then moved on to Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Orion Township for eleven years and from there took a position at Captain's Club in Grand Blanc for a year.

Agenda Item #1-Request for Artwork to be displayed at Barnum Park

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the artwork application that was submitted to City of Birmingham Administration in May, 2014 and forward on to City departments for review. Lauren stated that she has no installation costs and also stated that the artwork application for Barnum Park has not been reviewed or approved at the Public Arts Board, unless someone in the audience knows differently.

Therese asked if the plan will be reviewed for safety concerns as it relates to children climbing to the top of the chair and taking pictures.

Bill asked if the artwork would be loaned to the City of Birmingham for two years. Bill stated that the cost for the concrete installation and placement of the artwork should be a concern.

Therese asked if the Arts Board has a mechanism in place when an artwork is loaned to the City of Birmingham is there insurance in place for damages to the artwork and or property.

Lauren stated yes similar to the other art pieces displayed at various locations around the City of Birmingham the artworks are insured.

Cindy said the Public Arts Board approved the sculpture to be placed in Booth Park. Cindy stated that the art piece would be located on the vacant triangle as the paths from the archways and main promenade cross which has always been intended for artworks.

Cindy stated that fortunate for the City of Birmingham most of art pieces that have been donated in the past have not been sold. Art pieces that are donated to the City of Birmingham have duration for placement on City properties.

Denise stated the costs of the footings would be for the City of Birmingham. A crane would be needed to install the art piece for a 4 hour period. Installation is expected to be completed within 4 hours.

Ross Kaplan stated said that he is concerned about the heaving of the concrete footing due to frost. Ross stated that the concrete needs go lower than the 42" frost line. Ross stated that an engineer needs to review the installation as it relates to the concrete installation and the frost line.

Barbara stated that the Public Arts Board gave a preliminary approval of the request of the artwork to be displayed at Barnum Park prior to the application being distributed to the City of Birmingham Administration.

Pat stated that she is concerned about the weight that seat of the the artwork can hold if a number of kids climb to the top of the the art work.

Therese stated that a sign needs to be installed in front of artwork that says, "Do Not Climb", because of the location of the artwork being placed in a park.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ross Kaplan to recommend to the City Commission the installation of the "Pride" sculpture loaned by Gary Kulak with the recommendation that option C for the concrete footing installation.

Yeas – 6 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Pat Bordman, Ryan Ross and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-Art Stevens

Communication/Discussion Item #1 – Parks and Recreation Roster

The Parks and Recreation Roster was provided

No action was required by the board.

Communication/Discussion Item #2 – Rouge Rescue 2014 Notice

The Rouge Rescue 2014 notice was provided.

No action was required by the board.

Lauren stated that the notice was promoted through the City of Birmingham website, and through the Rouge Rescue website.

Anne stated her concern over the lack of publicity for this year's Rouge Rescue clean-up.

Lauren stated that future Rouge Rescue clean-ups will be publicized in the City of Birmingham Calendar.

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Communication/Discussion Item #a – Golf Course Financials

The Golf Course financials were provided.

No action was required by the board.

Communication/Discussion Item #4b – Golf Course Report

The golf course report was provided. Jacky distributed new sheets as it relates to the Golf Course history of rounds, memberships and revenue comparisons.

No action was required by the board.

Unfinished Business:

Lauren stated the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission has been scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2014 at DPS.

Theresa stated that at a future meeting the Parks and Recreation Board should be provided all information such as Capital Improvement Projects 2014/2015, City of Birmingham budget as it relates to parks and recreation and any information that would benefit the Parks Board members prior to the joint meeting.

Bill stated that there should be an item on the joint meeting agenda between the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission regarding the possibility of issuing additional bond money.

Dorothy asked the Parks and Recreation Board if they had seen the return of the lily pads.

Lauren stated that she will provide information at the July meeting on the removal of lily pads at Quarton Lake and future dredging of Quarton Lake.

Theresa stated that the next meeting will be held on July 1, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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