

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Shahanna Sarkisian and Paige White

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Adam Green, Tina Norton, Gordon Rinschler, Cindy Rose and Lilly Stotland

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by John Meehan that the minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 5 (Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-1 (Ross Kaplan)

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Oak St. –Lakepark Dr. to Lakeside Dr.

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board a memorandum from Paul O'Meara, City Engineer recommending the installation of two five foot wide buffer bike lanes, Oak Street –Lakepark to Lakeside Dr.

Ryan stated he drives on N. Eton on a daily basis where the City just converted that section to a shared road with bike lanes and there is so much signage that in the evening there is a sign every 5 ft. On the proposed design presented this evening there are a number of recommended signs.

Therese stated that Ross Kaplan wanted it to be known his concern about the new bike lanes that it has been his experience that it has been not possible to use the bike routes safely on Oak in October because residents blow their leaves into the bike lane.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by John Meehan to recommend to the City Commission that the on-street parking on Oak St. between Lakepark Dr. and Lakeside Dr. be removed to allow the installation of two five foot wide buffer bike lanes. Bill Wiebrecht stated that further discussion should occur on how the City will be handling the leaves and snow removal and the numbers of signs that will be installed along the designated route.

Yeas – 5 (Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent-1 (Ross Kaplan)

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Final City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the final City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy and that the City Commission adopted the policy on October 26, 2015.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2- Revised Golf Course Report

Lauren provided the revised golf course report that was previously emailed to the park board members following the November 10, 2015 Parks Board meeting. Jacky modified the golf report based on Bill Wiebrecht's comments.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3- Manor Estates Update

Lauren reported to the Parks and Recreation Board that the developer has decided not to relocate the path at Manor Park. Paul O'Meara is still in discussion with the developer about other utilities that will be located at Manor Park. Lauren stated that she will update the board as additional information comes available.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4- Project Update

Lauren reported to the Parks and Recreation Board that quotes were received for concept plans for Adams Park and Poppleton Park.

Lauren stated the City of Birmingham has hired MC Smith Associates to serve as the consultant for Poppleton Park and that Michael Dul has been hired for the consultant for Adams Park.

Lauren stated she is anticipating on having the consultants at the January 5, 2016 Parks Board meeting.

Lauren stated that she has not contacted Roeper Schools on their financial involvement with Adams Park.

Lauren stated that the Homeowner Association presidents will be notified for the upcoming meetings.

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No New Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy handed out informational cards for potential donations for Barnum Park.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on January 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator