

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 12, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Nichole McMaster

**ADMINISTRATION:** Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Anne Bray, Deanna McEachern, Jack McEachern, John McEachern, James Rosseau, Hayden Schreiber and Jon Schreiber

It was moved by Ross Kaplan, seconded by Art Stevens that the minutes of the March 1, 2016 regular meeting be approved.

**Yeas – 7** (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht)

**Nays – 0**

**Absent-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #1-Millrace Road – Review of Street Name Change Request**

Carrie stated that at the March 14, 2016 City Commission meeting a Street Name Review Policy was approved and has been forward to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and recommendations for the street name change.

Carrie stated that the policy was put together based on a petition received from residents that reside on Millrace Road.

Therese Longe stated that when the request for the renaming of Millrace Road came to the City Commission there was no policy. The City has since worked to revise, finalize and adopted a policy.

Therese stated that the street name change is adjacent to a park and that the policy calls for the request to come to the Parks and Recreation Board for review. Therese stated that the request will be also reviewed by the Historical District Commission. Therese stated that the Parks and Recreation Board and the Historical District Commission recommendations will be forward to the City Commission for final approval.

Bill Wiebrecht stated that the only rationale that the petitioners indicated is that drivers cut through the area to get back to Maple Road and clearly it does not have that function. Bill asked why change the name from Millrace to Lakeside which makes no sense.

Therese stated to Bill if the issue is the confusion with Millrace being a road the Parks and Recreation Board could recommend that Millrace Road be change to Millrace Court and that would solve the issue that they have identified in their rationale.

Carrie stated that the Historical Board made a recommendation that Millrace Road be changed to Millrace Court.

Therese stated that Millrace Road does have a historic reference in Birmingham and that Millrace Road is part of our history. Therese stated that Millrace Court would solve the road confusion for drivers.

James Rosseau stated that he initiated the petition in November. James stated the rationale is not only about the road being confusing but a continuation of Lakeside. James stated that from an economic standpoint the values of the homes on Millrace Road would increase by 20% if Millrace Road would be changed to Lakeside.

Therese stated that this is a community that values its historical references and that the Parks and Recreation Board input on this issue is probably less significant than the historic commission input because the road does go through a historic district but obviously the City Commission has the final word.

Therese requested from the Parks and Recreation Board a motion:

**Motion** It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Ross Kaplan not to support the name change to Millrace Road to Lakeside Court but to recommend to change Millrace Road to Millrace Court.

**Yeas – 7** (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht)

**Nays – 0**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Parks and Recreation Board Roster**  
Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the updated Parks and Recreation Board Roster  
**No action was required by the board.**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Poppleton Park Input, e-mail received**  
Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board an e-mailed received after the March 1, 2016 Parks Board meeting.  
**No action was required by the board.**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – 2016 Projects**  
Carrie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board 2016 projects which included plantings around Quarton Lake, partnering with Releaf MI to plant trees in the City of Birmingham.

Carrie stated that City Administration has met with Roper School and Michael Dul on discussion of the Adams Park Site Plan.

Carrie stated that Crestview Park's open space is resting from the fall re-grading and seeding that occurred.

Carrie stated that a fence has been installed at Buckingham/Cambridge City property.

Carrie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board a revenue/expense for the dog park.

Connie stated that she is working on a Dog Park Survey to send out existing and non-active dog park fob holders.

Anne Bray requested that a resident should be placed on Ad-Hoc Poppleton Park Sub-Committee. Therese stated that the Poppleton Park Committee is a Sub-Committee not an Ad-Hoc Committee so the committee is comprised of three Parks and Recreation Board members, City Administration and the consulting firm. Therese stated the recommendations from the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee will be brought back to the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion.

**No action was required by the board.**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4** – The City Commission Budget Session will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm.

**No action was required by the board.**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5** – Upcoming Department Events

Connie stated to the Parks Board that the DPS Open House will be on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Connie stated that Jacky Brito will having an Open House at Lincoln Hills on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm. Connie stated that the City of Birmingham Ice Show will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

**No action was required by the board.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No Unfinished Business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Anne Bray stated to the Parks and Recreation Board her concerns on how the trees have been planted and how the mulch was being placed around the trees.

Therese asked if an article could be written by the City of Birmingham Arborist and publicized either on the city website or the Quarterly.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on June 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator