

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Nichole McMaster

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager and Jacky Brito, Golf Course Manager

GUESTS: Cindy Rose

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Art Stevens that the minutes of the June 7, 2016 regular meeting be approved as submitted.

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

Nays – 0

AGENDA ITEM #1-Porous Pave Project For Lower Baldwin

Carrie stated that the department would like to extend the Rouge River corridor trail that runs from Linden Park towards Maple Road. Currently the trail stops at the bridge. The porous pave would extend from the bridge to Maple Road.

Carrie stated that the department chose porous pave versus woodchips because of the success that the department has had when installed in portions of the Rouge River Trail where a washout had occurred. Porous pave has held up great. Carrie stated that the proposed area does not have a washout issue but the material is ~~ADA assessable~~ **ADA accessible** and is easy to navigate.

Lilly asked if the porous pave is environmentally safe.

Carrie stated that porous pave is good for the environment because it allows for the water to flow through so there is no drainage that would be needed and the porous pave is considered a green product. The porous pave stays in place and can't be torn away.

Lilly asked if there were any other materials considered that would have been a better natural origin that would provide the run-off protection.

Carrie stated that the department looked at using woodchips or crushed limestone but because of maintenance reasons porous pave was chosen. Porous pave does not washout, there is no weed spraying and no reapplying of woodchips.

Bill stated that this project is way over due and is a good solution for the proposed area.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Art Stevens to approve the Department of Public Services recommendation to purchase and install Porous Pave by X Tier Inc. that will improve connectivity to the Rouge River trail system and to forward to the City Commission for approval in the amount not to exceed \$25,000. X Tier Inc. being the sole source installer of this product.

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

Nays – 0

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Birmingham Ice Arena Summer Rental Update

Carrie reported an updated on the summer rentals at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Project Updates

Lauren provided brief summaries on DPS project updates.

Therese stated that the Poppleton Sub-Committee walked Poppleton Park and discussed the possible placement of the portable toilet with permanent fencing around it.

Therese stated that there was discussion on the possible future handicap parking near the playground.

Therese stated that there was discussion on possibly adding 40 parking spaces along Woodward and that MDOT is not opposed to the idea and that with the added parking it would not be related to any streets nor would there be access to the neighborhood. Therese stated that the parking would be a pull in pull out such as what is along Woodward.

Therese stated that Carrie will be getting information on proposed playground for Poppleton Park.

Therese stated that there was discussion on the drainage issues at Poppleton Park.

Therese stated that the Poppleton Park project would be completed in stages once there is an approved plan.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – Free Press Article dated 6/16/2016

Lauren provided a Free Press Article to the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the dog attack in Birmingham.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 – Golf Course Report

Jacky provided the Parks and Recreation Board the current golf course report.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5a – In The Park Concerts

Lauren provided the 2016 In The Park Concert Series Schedule.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5b – Mom To Mom Sale-Saturday, July 16th

Lauren provided the 2016 Mom To Mom Schedule.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5c – Swing Along Golf Tournament & Luau-Lincoln Hills Golf

Jacky stated that the event was cancelled but she is planning an end of a year member event.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5d – Email received to donate a garden to the City of Birmingham

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board an email from Mr. Lasser on donations for designing and building of Koi ponds and boulder gardens.

Therese stated that a previous meetings residents from the Linden Park neighborhood was against the Koi ponds and boulder gardens.

Therese stated that Mr. Lasser has been told the proper channels that he needs to go through to proceed with such a project.

Therese stated that Mr. Lasser may participate in the future Parks and Recreation Park Master Plan process.

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Carrie stated that the Little Library will be installed very soon at Barnum Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ross Kaplan stated that in September it will be 10 years since the Community built of Booth Park.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on August 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm at DPS

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator