

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 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: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Michael J. Dul, Michael J. Dul & Associates, Inc., Anne Bray, Peter Bray, Marcia Kaline, Gordon Rinschler and Tina Norton

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht that the minutes of the March 1, 2016 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

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

Nays – 0

Absent-0

It was moved by Lilly Stotland, seconded by Art Stevens to begin the Adams Park Concept Site Plan Public Hearing.

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

Nays – 0

Absent-0

AGENDA ITEM #1-Adams Park Concept Site Plan Public Workshop

Michael J. Dul stated that he is here to listen to the comments tonight to develop a doable plan for the City of Birmingham residents and Roeper School.

Michael J. Dul identified the amenities that are currently located at Adams Park which includes a park sign, playground equipment, basketball court, a long jump runway, a square piece of asphalt and from that Roeper uses it for their shotput and an open space area for soccer.

Michael J. Dul stated that there are a couple of Oak trees that need to be removed, the fence needs to be upgraded and improvements to the landscaping beautification and drainage, adding a drinking fountain and adding landscaping around the park sign.

Therese Longe asked Lauren if the City of Birmingham had met with Roeper representatives.

Lauren stated that Roeper had been involved with the discussion.

Michael J. Dul stated that Roeper representative discussed shotput amenities and open space for soccer.

Gordon Rinschler stated that Adams Park is a low intensity park. Gordon stated that the best compromise would be a school yard and neighborhood park. Gordon stated that the retaining wall should be taken down and the area should be regraded. Gordon stated that there should be neighborhood features.

Michael J. Dul stated a sensible play structure that could be used for a variety of ages, the soccer will be grassed, upgrading of the fence, and relocating the basketball courts should be considered.

Tina Norton stated that if a shed could be installed to place Roeper's athletic equipment in.

Anne Bray stated that the draining issues on Ridgedale Rd. needs to be addressed.

Ross Kaplan asked about replacement of the fence and if there was any discussion on opening up the park more to the neighborhood side but protecting the Adams side.

Marcia Kaline representative from Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Club (BBSC) stated that BBSC uses the open space Monday-Thursday after 6:00 pm for soccer and that club is looking for a flat grassy area.

Lauren stated that Michael J. Dul will work on some concept plans for Adam Park and the concept plans will be presented at a future Parks and Recreation Board meeting

Motion It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Lilly Stotland to close the public hearing.

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

Nays – 0

AGENDA ITEM #2-Placement of Portable Toilets at City Parks

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board that the department placed a portable toilet near the Poppleton Park playground area based on the heavy use of Poppleton Park playground equipment.

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board pictures of where the portable toilet was located. Connie stated that there are other portable toilets located at other City of Birmingham Parks.

Therese stated that placing the portable toilet near the playground equipment was a fabulous idea.

Bill asked why does the Parks and Recreation Board have to get involved with the placement of portable toilets isn't this decision determined by City of Birmingham Administration?

Motion It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Art Stevens to approve the Department of Public Services location of the portable toilet located at Poppleton Park and that the Department of Public Services Administration should have the ability to place portable toilets as needed at any park.

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

Nays – 0

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1- Article: "A Fun, New Exercise Trend for People Over 50"

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the Article.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Proposed Summer Activities at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board proposed summer activities at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – Final Site Plan Approved-1193 Floyd

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the minutes from the planning board for the final site plan for 1193 Floyd.

Ross stated if the fencing option would be brought back to the Parks and Recreation for approval.

Lauren stated that if there were any fencing options that she would bring them back to the Parks and Recreation Board.

No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 – 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 13th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 pm. Connie stated that the River Rouge Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Linden Park from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

No action was required by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Lauren stated that cable will be video taping future Parks and Recreation Board meetings.

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