

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 7, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Carmona Therese Longe, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis, John Rusche and Bill Wiebrecht

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Meehan

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** John Butcher, Seaholm High School

**ADMINISTRATION:** Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services  
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Pam Graham and Cindy Rose

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Dominick Pulis that the minutes of the April 2, 2019 regular meeting be approved as amended.

**Yeas – 7** Heather Carmona Therese Longe, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis, John Rusche and Bill Wiebrecht

**Nays – 0**  
**Absent -1** John Meehan

**AGENDA ITEMS: No Agenda Items**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1a: Golf Course May Club Events**

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the May golf course events that will be taken place at the City of Birmingham Golf Courses.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1b: Membership Analysis**

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board a membership analysis.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Birmingham Ice Show**

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the dates for the annual Birmingham Ice Show

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Annual Quarton Lake Garlic Mustard Pull**

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board an informational flyer.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: River Rouge Clean-Up**

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board an informational flyer for this activity.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: 2019 Pickleball At The Birmingham Ice Sports Arena**

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board an informational flyer for this activity.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: 2019 In The Park Concert Series**

Connie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the 2019 In The Park Concert Series schedule.

**No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Recommended Parks & Recreation Bond Priority List**

Lauren stated that the same information was provided again to the Parks and Recreation Board for the recommended Parks and Recreation bond priority list.

Lauren stated that the department did modify the pick your park passion poll presentation so that the Parks and Recreation Board knew what the questions were, what the rankings were and then the results of the online survey and then from the public input session.

Lauren stated that the department has been working with the Master Plan Sub-Committee for the last 10 months. The recommended Parks and Recreation bond priority list was broken down into two phases, phase I totaling \$7,300,000; phase II totaling \$4,745,000 with the combined total of \$12,045,000.

Dominick asked that the page that says, "Pick Your Park Passion Poll" be changed to "Pick Your Park Passion Combined" as it is stated on a following page.

Heather stated that the criteria for the projects be included in the report.

Theresa stated that language from the resolution be included on the recommended Parks and recreation bond priority list that says, "that these improvements be undertaken in two phases as indicated, based on project urgency, community priority as surveyed, staff recommendation, project readiness, and the City's capacity to oversee the work."

Lauren stated that a more detailed report will be presented to the City of Birmingham Commission.

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It was moved by Dominick Pulis, seconded by John Rusche to recommend to the Birmingham City Commission the approval of the recommended Parks & Recreation Bond Priority List (Attachment A) at a total estimated cost of \$12,045,00 in order to undertake a series of improvement projects that will enhance our parks and recreational facilities for the enjoyment of Birmingham residents. Further, to recommend that these improvements be undertaken in two phases as indicated, based on project urgency, community priority as surveyed, staff recommendation, project readiness, and the City's capacity to oversee the work.

**Yeas – 7**

Heather Carmona Therese Longe, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis, John Rusche and Bill Wiebrecht

**Nays – 0**

**Absent -1**

John Meehan

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business

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

Pam Graham asked about having groups the availability to reserve Shain Park for public performances.

Bill stated that Shain Park does not fall under the Parks and Recreation responsibility and reserving of Shain Park goes through the City Clerk's office.

Heather stated that the idea of having the availability to reserve Shain Park for public performances should be presented at one of Master Plan charrettes that is occurring for the City-Wide Master Plan.

Therese Longe stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator