

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2020**

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the virtual meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Carmona (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Susan Collins (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Pam Graham (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Ross Kaplan (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Ellie Noble (location: Birmingham, MI)  
Dominick Pulis (location: Birmingham, MI)  
John Rusche (location: Birmingham, MI)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Mallory Windsor, Seaholm High School  
(location: Birmingham, MI)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:** Hayden Watkinson, Seaholm High School

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

**GUEST:** Jeffrey LaBelle

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting as received.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:** **Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,  
Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan,  
Dominick Pulis and John Rusche

**Nays,** None

**Absent,** Ellie Noble; joined meeting @ 6:30 pm

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Parks and Recreation Rules Review**

Carrie stated that based on the comments and suggestions from the September 1, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting changes were made that included adding headings and re-ordering of some of the rules to make it easier to find.

Carrie reviewed the changes with the Parks and Recreation Board. The Parks and Recreation Board continued the discussion.

Pam stated for the smoking rule it should read, "Smoking of tobacco, marijuana, or any other substance or use of vapor producing products such as an e-cigarette or similar device is strictly prohibited pursuant to city ordinance, in all buildings, facilities, parks and playgrounds operated and maintained by the City of Birmingham.

Carrie stated that she agreed with the change on the smoking rule. Carrie continued on the rule changes for park hours, sound amplification fireworks & explosives. Carrie discussed the changes on the signage for the tennis courts, skate park and the dog park.

It was moved by ~~Dominic~~ **Dominick** Pulis, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the updated language on posted park Parks Rules and Regulations and updated language on posted park signage, Further, to recommend the Park Rules and Regulations be considered for adoption by the City Commission.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes,**

Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,  
Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan,  
Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and  
John Rusche

**Nays,**

None

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Barnum Park Electrical Additions**

Carrie state that Barnum Park is slated for electrical additions and improvements for 2020-2021 budget.

Carrie stated the scope of work includes the addition of flagpole lighting, art sculpture lighting, new bollard fixtures and electrical outlet additions. Outlets will be located in the shade structure area and behind the baseball field. New bollards will light the limestone path that connects the promenade to the arch. All new lighting will be LED. Additionally, an alternate bid was requested to retrofit all existing bollards along the promenade to LED fixtures as well. Carrie stated all existing bulbs at Barnum are high-pressure sodium.

Dominick asked in regards to the overhead lamps, is there a standard throughout the city? For example Shain Park, Barnum Park and any other areas that have overhead lighting?

Carrie stated that she was not aware of any.

Lauren stated there are lighting standards that are required on projects that the planning department and community development work with builders and developers throughout the City.

Carrie stated however there are no lighting standards for parks.



**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1a: Golf Course Finance Report-September, 2020**

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the September, 2020 finance report provided from the finance department.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1b: Golf Course Report- November 3, 2020**

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf report prepared by Jacky Brito. Lauren stated golf course had the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Shoot-out and raised \$1,115 and was donated to the Lighthouse of Pontiac.

John stated that the golf staff should be thanked for a wonderful year from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Heather thanked the Birmingham residents, City of Birmingham staff and Parks and Recreation Board for the passing of the Parks and Recreation Bond.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 Parks and Recreation Bond**

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the press release for the Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Bond Approved by voters that was released.

Lauren stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the next steps moving forward on projects such as the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena and Adams Park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No Unfinished Business

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business

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

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

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1, 2020 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator