

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 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: Petoskey, 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
Brooks Cowan, City Planner
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUEST: Jeffrey LaBelle, Anne Lipp and Cindy Rose

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting as amended.

ROLE CALL VOTE: **Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan,
Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and John Rusche
Nays, None

Welcome New Parks and Recreation Board Member:

Heather welcomed Anne Lipp to the Parks and Recreation Board as the new Alternate Board Member. Anne shared with the Parks and Recreation Board that she grew up in Birmingham, was a competitive figure skater, performed in thirteen ice shows and was involved with Parks and Recreation programs.

Anne stated she has two young children who love to ice skate and are involved with the City of Birmingham ice skating program and looks forward to being involved with the Parks and Recreation Board.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Parks and Recreation Rules-Final Revision

Carrie stated that the city attorney has reviewed the Parks and Recreation Board changes made to the Parks and Recreation Rules from the November 10, 2020 meeting and ~~have~~ **has** approved two out of the three recommendations the Parks and Recreation Board recommended.

The city attorney advised that the Smoking Rule remain as recommended at the November 10, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

The Smoking Rule will read: The use of marijuana products on public property is illegal even in locations where recreational marijuana is legal. In addition to state and federal regulations, Birmingham ~~ordnance~~ **ordinance** does not allow for the use of marijuana on public property. CBD oil and products do not fall in the category of "marijuana products".

Dominick stated on the tennis court rules signage that the following corrections be made:

- The first and second bullet the phone numbers listed should both read 248.530.1642
- Third bullet from the bottom the P in Private is struck through.

Dominick stated that on the Dog Park Rules the following correction be made:

- The sixth bullet point should read, "Users may only bring up to two dogs into the Dog Park".
- The eight bullet should read, "The following are prohibited in the Dog Park: dogs in heat, dogs under the age of four months, dogs with contagious diseases, internal or external parasites, aggressive dogs and unfixed male dogs over the age of six months."

Carrie stated that the corrections will be made to the tennis court rules and also the dog park rules.

Dominick asked is there was a rule that requires the dog to have their vaccines? Carrie stated that on the dog park application the dog license and rabies vaccines information is required prior to purchasing a dog fob.

It was moved by Dominick Pulis, seconded by Ellie Noble to approve the updated Parks Rules and Regulations with the corrections made 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
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Nays,	None
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**AGENDA ITEM #2a: Request for Art Donations Installations for City Parks-
"Call For Entry"**

Brooks Cowan, City of Birmingham Planner presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a recommendation from the City of Birmingham Public Arts Board a Call for Entry to recruit new sculptures and artwork for the City of Birmingham. The board has prioritized five locations, three of which are located in park green space.

Brooks stated one being a vacant concrete pad at Poppleton Park at the intersection of Woodward and Madison Street.

A second being the triangular green space at the intersection of Woodward and Old Woodward at the former site of Mark Di Suvero's red metallic sculpture titled "Choopy".

A third being Linden Park which the Public Arts Board has recently recommended a sculpture "Pyramid Earth" be located.

Brooks stated the Parks and Recreation Board is required to review ~~to~~ for recommendation before it goes to City Commission. However, the Parks and Recreation is not required to comment on the Public Arts Board recommendation of budget expenditure.

It was moved by Susan Collins, seconded by Pam Graham to recommend the Call For Entry for artwork that prioritizes the five locations as indicated on the map as presented.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Ayes,

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

Nays,

None

**AGENDA ITEM #2b: Request for Art Donations Installations for City Parks-
"Pyramid Earth Donation"**

Brooks presented to the Parks and Recreation Board that a local artist Kegham Tazian has applied to donate his sculpture "Pyramid Earth" to the City of Birmingham. Pyramid Earth is three feet wide and five feet in height. The art sculpture will be installed on a granite pedestal.

Ross asked if the sculpture will be secure to the pedestal. Brooks stated that the sculpture would be bolted down if granite is used for the pedestal.

Brooks stated upon discussion with between the Public Arts Board, staff and the artist's representatives, the applicant has indicated a preference for the location at Linden Park, between Maple Road and the Rouge River.

The sculpture is also required to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board before going to City Commission. The Parks and Recreation Board is not required to comment on the Public Arts Board recommendation to spend money from their budget.

It was moved by Heather Carmona, seconded by Pam Graham to recommend that the city accept the donation of Pyramid Earth by Kegham Tazian and for the sculpture to be installed at Linden Park as indicated on the map as presented.

ROLE CALL VOTE:	Ayes,	Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and John Rusche
	Nays,	None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Parks and Recreation Board Sub-Committee Listing

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the current Parks and Recreation Board Sub-Committee Listing

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Capital Projects Sub Committee Progress Report-December 1, 2020

John Rusche presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the minutes from the November 24th Capital Projects Sub-Committee meeting.

John stated that the **Parks and Recreation Board are looking for** opportunities to place key decisions on the City Commission agenda with time for the public to be made aware and to participate.

Lauren stated that Michael J. Dul and Associates the original architect that designed the Adams Park concept plan was contacted to receive a proposal from him to re-engage Roeper School and the citizens that surround Adams Park to revisit the Adams Park concept plan.

Lauren stated that a golf sub-committee will be schedule by herself after the first part of the year and that Jacky Brito will provide a draft annual report that will be shared with the golf sub-committee.

Lauren stated that there so many new members on the Parks and Recreation Board which the City is so grateful. The sub-committees meet on as needed basis and are a draw for the administration to loop the Parks and Recreation Board members on projects that are either short lived, master plan recommendations and park bond money, golf and trails.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a: Golf Course Finance Report-October, 2020

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

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b: Golf Course Report- November 19, 2020

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the November 19, 2020 Golf Report prepared by Jacky Brito.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 Ice Sports Arena Renovation/Addition Project Update

Lauren stated that Plante Moran CRESA is working on getting an RFP out to secure an architectural engineering firm to develop plans and specifications for the new renovated ice arena. The renovation would include expansion of the existing locker rooms, adding a women's locker room and high school locker room, new observation area, meeting rooms and upgrades to the concession stand area are the majority of the improvements.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5 Reminder: Nomination of 2021 Parks and Recreational Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson at the January 5, 2021 meeting

Connie reminded at the January 5th Parks and Recreation Board meeting nominations will occur for Board/Vice-Chairperson.

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:

No Public Comments

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday January 5, 2021 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator