

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2020

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. for the virtual meeting.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Mallory Windsor, Seaholm High School

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ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Mark Gerber, Finance Director
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator
Annmarie Erickson, VanDyke Horn

GUESTS: Jordan Bolton and Jeffrey LaBelle and Cindi Rose

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Susan Collins to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Yeas,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and John Rusche

Nays, None

Heather welcomed the new Parks and Recreation Board member Susan Collins. Susan had been on the Parks and Recreation Board as alternate.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Parks and Recreation Bond Opportunity –Public Input

Annamarie Erickson from VanDyke Horn answered Park and Recreation Bond submitted questions had been received.

Questions that were submitted:

1. Would parking be added to Linden Park since the resident was concerned that Linden Park is underutilized because of the lack of parking? Annmarie stated that parking would be considered for Linden Park
2. In the bond proposal there is funding for the Birmingham Ice Arena. If the bond does not pass can the ice arena still be patched up? Annmarie stated that the current city budget includes 2million for mechanical and refrigeration improvements at the ice arena and are deemed critical needs currently. If the bond is approved an estimated 3.1 million dollars for arena expansions and renovations that would include new team locker rooms, women's locker room, meeting room and improvements to the concession stand area.
3. Pickleball locations and installations. Annmarie stated pickleball courts are a high priority and location and the numbers of pickleball courts have not been determined yet but would be contingent on costs.
4. Poppleton Park concept plan. Annmarie stated that the concept plan would be reviewed and would be updated with community engagement.
5. Poppleton Park does not allow pets. Annmarie clarified that leashed dogs are allowed at Poppleton Park except in designated areas where no dogs are allowed; for example playground areas.
6. How will the funding be allocated equally, specifically Howarth Park? Annemarie stated that all future park improvements would involve community engagement.

Annamarie opened up questions to guests on the zoom meeting. No public comment.

Ellie asked if pickelball courts would ever be done indoors. Lauren stated that pickelball was only done during the summer months at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena and the current cost estimates for pickleball is for outdoor courts.

Susan stated that a resident had asked her about Adams Park. Heather stated that current concept plan for Adams Park the city had some discussions with Roeper with potential site amenities. The city would reach out to Roeper and the surround community.

John asked about potential sidewalks surrounding Poppleton Park. John stated that there would be more community input.

Jordan Bolton stated what a nice job everyone is doing and stated he has enjoyed the parks.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISUCSSION ITEM #1: Current Parks and Recreation Board Roster

Connie presented the current Parks and Recreation Board roster.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a: Golf Course Finance Report-August, 2020

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

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2b: Golf Report- September 29, 2020

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf report prepared by Jacky Brito.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2c: Golf Course Closure Updates

Lauren stated that Springdale Golf Course will be closing mid-October and Lincoln Hills will remain open until when the snow flies.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2d: Golf Course Repayment Plan

Lauren presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course repayment plan that was prepared by the city finance department.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Project Updates-Verbal

Carrie stated that Kenning Park Baseball diamond project is officially closed out.

Carrie stated that there was maintenance of the Quarton Lake waterfall which involved moving a log.

Carrie stated that the department is out for bid for adding electrical fixtures and adding lighting features to the sculpture at Barnum Park.

Connie stated that the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena is opened for business.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lauren stated that the Parks Rules and Regulation will return at the November Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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, November 10, 2020 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator