

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2021

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)

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

R.J. Carrel, Groves High School
Alison Chapnick Groves High School

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Kyle Sayers, Seaholm High School

ADMINISTRATION:

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

GUESTS:

Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran
Steve Carrel, Joshua Kramer, Gary Piotrowicz, Brandon Reinkensmeyer and Robert Runco

Heather welcomed Groves High School student representative Alison Chapnick to our Parks and Recreation Board.

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 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

AGENDA Item #1 Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Renovation/Additions Design Review

Lauren stated that the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena renovation has been moving forward. Robert Stempien stated that the project has been going at a fast pace and provided the Parks and Recreation Board the project timeline with owner occupancy on September 20, 2021.

Robert reviewed the drawings and elevations of the expansion of the locker rooms, new team locker room, new additional locker room, referee room, two added storage rooms, new player benches, main ice arena flooring, reconfiguration of bleachers, new party room, new mechanical equipment and lobby renovation. Robert continued reviewing the plans to show the new amenities.

Robert stated with the new renovations the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena would be able to extend the ice season to spring hockey leagues, summer camps, power skating schools and spring tournaments. Robert stated with the added studio conference room to the studio additional revenue could be captured.

Robert stated that another potential revenue source would be Live Barn. Live Barn is an automated system that allows for parents to watch their child skate if they are not available to come to the ice arena from an electronic devise for a yearly subscription fee. Robert stated another revenue source would be locker room rentals and or naming rights.

Dominick asked that if the slides that were illustrated for sponsorship and conference room could have draft or sample be placed on the slides.

Robert clarified that the conference room in the studio is a single level not raised. Robert stated that number of bleacher is adequate for high school hockey games and any large events such as hockey tournaments and ice shows.

Gary Piotrowicz wanted to reiterate the passion for the project at the Birmingham Ice Arena from the high school hockey team and there is untapped revenue during the summer months for ice rentals.

Steve Carrel stated that he has a daughter in the Figure Skating Club (FSCB) and a son skating on the Birmingham High School team (BU) is the current BU Booster president and a past Birmingham Hockey Association (BHA) and was to reiterate the support from BHA and BU.

Susan asked that the locker rooms be number 1-6 instead of labeling them Men's and Women's locker rooms.

Lauren stated that administratively the locker rooms will be labeled differently based on the ice schedule.

It was moved by Susan Collins, seconded by Pam Graham to accept the design review in that it meets the expectations of renovations and additions of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena project.

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: Capital Projects Sub Committee Report- February 24, 2021

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the capital projects sub-committee report prepared by John Rusche.

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John stated that the committee discusses the ice arena construction, Ice Arena Revenue and Expenditure Report and with the improvements the Ice Arena will be a break even. John also stated the arena serves residents of other communities and obviously those resident pay their fair share.

John stated the committee discussed Adams Park, Pickleball and Bang the Table engagement software.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Ice Arena Finance Report, Period Ending- January 31, 2021

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the Ice Arena Finance report ending January 31, 2021.

Pam asked why there is overtime at the ice arena when the arena has been closed of an on this season.

Lauren stated she would look into that and would provide the information to the Parks and Recreation Board.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Birmingham City Commission, Ice Arena Workshop, virtual-March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the Workshop Protocol for the March 8, 2021 meeting.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: Update on portable toilets and park shelters within the park system

Connie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board has had ten portable toilets installed at our City of Birmingham Parks and have provided this service since 2005. The toilets are installed mid-May and removed in late October. This year three toilets were left out year around and three different park locations.

Connie stated in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan shelters are called out in the five-year capital improvement table and will be discusses at a later dates as the parks are re-designed.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Learn to monetize Birmingham Ice Arena, Downtown News Magazine

Lauren shared an article regarding the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Here are Birmingham's plans on when \$11.25 million in parks, recreation improvements start, Hometown life

Lauren shared an article regarding the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

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, April 6, 2021 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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