

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Carmona
Pam Graham
Ross Kaplan
Anne Lipp
Dominick Pulis
John Rusche

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Collins
Ellie Noble

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
Brooks Cowan, City Planner
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTER: Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran

GUESTS: Cindy Rose and David Young

Heather informed the Parks and Recreation Board the passing of William Wiebrecht who had served on the Parks and Recreation Board for twenty-nine years.

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

ROLE CALL VOTE: **Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Pam Graham
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche
Nays, None

AGENDA ITEM #1a: Request for Art Donation Installation for Poppleton Park "Standing Horses", by Barry Harrison

Brooks Cowan presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a request of an art sculpture "Standing Horses" by Barry Harrison to the City of Birmingham as a part of the Public Arts Board's 2021 Call For Entry. The sculpture consists of an abstract horse sculpture welded in cor-ten steel and has dimensions of 8' high, 11' in length, and 2' feet wide.

Brooks stated that the Public Arts Board discussed this sculpture on May 19, 2021. The Public Arts Board thought that Poppleton Park could be a good location for this piece and requested more detailed photos and information of how it could be placed on the existing sculpture pad at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Madison Avenue.

Brooks stated the loan agreement terms for the Call-For-Entry are for a minimum of 3 years.

John Rusche asked about the safety of climbing on the sculpture.

Brooks stated that the city has an agreement with an Engineering Consulting firm that assist the City of Birmingham on these safety concerns and will make suggestions to correct these concerns.

Brooks stated that he will discuss with the artist illuminating the art work prior to City Commission.

It was moved by Dominick Pulis, seconded by Ross Kaplan to support the location of Poppleton Park for the sculpture loan of "Standing Horses" by Barry Harrison as a part of the Public Arts Board's 2021 Call For Entry.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Pam Graham
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche

Nays, None

AGENDA ITEM #2: Wedding Agreement (Ceremony Only)

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the request to amend the current Wedding Agreement (Ceremony Only).

Connie stated currently the Department of Public Services Recreation Department has the ability to issue permits for the use of City of Birmingham parks for wedding ceremonies that included Barnum, Booth, Shain and Quarton. Moving forward the Department of Public Services is recommending that wedding ceremonies be allowed at City of Birmingham parks except for Shain Park. Shain Park would be exempt because of the many special events that occur on a yearly basis.

Connie stated at the March 22, 2021 City Commission meeting, there was discussion on why weddings were scheduled at Shain Park when previously the park could not be reserved for private events. In addition to the removal of Shain Park from the application the department is recommending the fees be increased to be in line with the current fees that are being charged for a ceremony at the Museum and Allen House.

Connie stated that wedding requests come through the Parks and Recreation department where it's determined the best location for the wedding based on the number of participants.

It was moved by Anne Lipp, seconded by Dominick Pulis to adopt the revised Wedding Rental Agreement (ceremony only) including the suggested fees as per the attached Agreement.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Pam Graham
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche
Nays, None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Capital Projects Sub-Committee Report-June 30, 2021

John reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the July 30, 2021 Sub-committee progress report.

John stated that the ice arena website is being updated with progress reports and photos.

John stated that Adams Parks is moving forward. Lauren stated that she meeting with the Adams Park Committee.

John stated during the sub-committee meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the pickleball survey results from Engage Birmingham.

No Action Was Taken

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update

Robert Stempien shared with the Parks and Recreation Board photos of the piping that installed in the main arena for preparing the concrete pour.

Robert stated that future installations of additional roofing, installation of underground plumbing, installing of brick veneer, finishing the interior painting, electrical/plumbing/HVAC/fire suppression installations, ceramic tile showers, acoustical tile ceiling grid and pads and refrigeration equipment installations.

Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the project schedule update from July - August.

Robert continued sharing photos of the progression of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena construction project. Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the technology upgrades and discussion on paint the exterior of the Birmingham Ice Arena.

Robert discussed with the Parks and Recreation Board about the new electrical service and primary switch from DTE and will be handled by doing an underground bore.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a Birmingham Dashboard-6-11-2021

Robert shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the Birmingham Dashboard 6-11-2021

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a: Golf Course Finance Report-May, 2021

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course finance report dated May, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b: Golf Course Report-July 7, 2021

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report dated July 7, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: 2021 In The Park Concert Series

Connie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the 2021 In The Park Concert schedule for the 2021 season.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Booming Pickleball Popularity Takes Center Court at Life Time, Life Time, Inc.,

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Public Park at Fire Station, Downtown Magazine, June, 2021

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #7: Largest splash pad in Michigan opens in West Bloomfield, Fox2 Detroit News, June 30, 2021

Article provide to the Parks and Recreation Board

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather mentioned the vandalism of the art work that was installed along the River Rouge Trail Corridor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Cindy stated that Bill Wiebrecht served on the Parks and Recreation Board for many years and is the City of Birmingham going to do acknowledge his service.

Lauren stated that when he retired from the Parks and Recreation Board it was the intention of the City of Birmingham to present him with a proclamation in honor of his service and commitment to the community but because of COVID-19 that did not occur.

Lauren stated that she will discuss with Tom Markus any future arrangements in honoring Bill Wiebrecht for serving on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator