

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 1, 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: Louisville, Kentucky)
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

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:** Alison Chapnick Groves High School  
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:** Anne Lipp, Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran

It was moved by Ellie Noble, seconded by Ross Kaplan to approve the minutes of the May 11, 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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update**

Robert Stempien shared with the Parks and Recreation Board photos of the mechanical room, main lobby, main arena, studio arena and locker rooms.

Robert reported that there are recent engagements with Strategic Energy Solutions (SES) for commissioning, G2 Consulting Group for material testing and Advanced Lighting and Sound for the audio and video part of the project.

Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the project highlights and the four month project schedule from April – July.

Robert reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the change log which happens during construction projects. These changes included new bleachers, rubber flooring, HVAC Controls, reconditioned transformer, diagonal brace, refrigeration equipment, primary switch for the electrical and beams in the new locker rooms, with a difference of a positive \$3,009.29. Robert stated the overall the budget is in good shape.

Robert stated that there are outstanding items such as testing of the primary for electrical that services the building and the location of the water service for the new construction of the party room for the studio. Robert said a decision was made to move the party room over to avoid building the party room over the water service.

John asked if Robert could explain again what equipment allows for the new facility to operate year-round. Robert stated that when this building was built it did not have a sub-soil heating system, which means there is piping underneath the protected floor slab that eliminates the permafrost.

Anne asked that the women's locker room be called locker room 5. Robert clarified that the locker room will be called number 5.

Robert stated to Pam that at the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting she had asked about recycling of building material. Robert stated that he spoke with the city's contractor Gleeson and they have properly recycled the building material.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 Ice Arena Financial Report, period ending-April 30, 2021**

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the Birmingham Ice Arena financials.

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

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

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b: Golf Course Report-May 26, 2021**

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report dated May 26, 2021.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: Engage Birmingham Pickleball update (verbal)**

Carrie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board that the survey has just closed and that here were 150 visitors, 76 responses were received and the five locations from highest to lowest were north east corner of Eton and Lincoln, St. James Park, Poppleton Park, West Lincoln Well and Crestview.

Carrie stated the next step would be to meet with the Capital Project Sub-Committee and delve in the survey question and other public comments that have been received. Carrie stated that after discussion with the committee it will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Board for the next steps.

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Board to review potential park near Chesterfield Fire Station, Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle**

Lauren provided the information to the Parks and Recreation Board

John stated that Quarton Elementary school which is not part of the City of Birmingham parks system is about two blocks away from Chesterfield Fire Station and they have a wonderful safe playground. The area is well equipped and peaceful and should be kept in mind as the Parks and Recreation Board contemplate the potential park near Chesterfield Fire Station.

Susan stated she was talking to someone that lives near Chesterfield Fire Station and brought up an idea about adding a couple of tables and some nice seating to allow people to have an area to sit and enjoy a bite to eat and tie it in with Holiday Market Select that is located next to the Chesterfield Fire Station.

Ellie stated that the Quarton Elementary school playground would not be available when the school is in session.

**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 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, July 13, 2021 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Approved