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Birmingham’s Parks and Recreation Bond Approved by Voters

BIRMINGHAM, MI, November 4, 2020 – The Birmingham Parks and Recreation bond was approved by voters on Election Day, which will lead to a series of parks and recreation improvement projects in the City beginning next year.

More than 70% of voters approved the bond, underscoring Birmingham’s commitment to exceptional parks and recreation facilities in the community. The first series of the \$11.25 million bond (a total of \$4.75 million) will be issued in 2021 as previous sewer bonds are retired. The remaining amount (\$6.5 million) will be issued in a second series in 2024. With financing now secured, the Parks and Recreation Board will be dedicated to engaging neighborhood residents in the planning process.

“Birmingham residents are exceptionally engaged in community issues, and we look forward to their input as we move forward with exciting parks and recreation projects,” said Lauren Wood, Birmingham’s Director of Public Services.

Anticipated early projects will include development of Adams Park, the Booth Park corner feature and the Birmingham Ice Arena. Sequencing of other projects and budget projections will be determined during the renewed planning process. Every parks proposal will receive due diligence by the Parks and Recreation Board and the City Commission before moving forward.

Residents are encouraged to follow the City of Birmingham, MI on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor to receive updates and information regarding parks planning. Learn about next steps and project updates at www.bhamgov.org/parksbond. Residents can also sign up for the citywide email list to receive the latest information specific to their neighborhood at www.bhamgov.org/citywideemail.

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