

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Carmona
Susan Collins
Pam Graham
Anne Lipp
John Rusche
Steve Sweeney
Joseph Wrobel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Kupczyk

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Katie Glasier, Seaholm High School
Archie Reynolds, Seaholm High School

ADMINISTRATION: Scott Zielinski, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Leah Blizinski, City Planner
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Jack Burns, Jessica Einstein and David Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS & CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS:

No announcements, introductions of guests & chairperson comments

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No public comments

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Graham, seconded by Lipp, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 6, 2023, regular meeting as submitted.

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Pam Graham, Anne Lipp, John Rusche,
Steve Sweeney and Joseph Wrobel

Nays, None
Absent, None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

No miscellaneous communications

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update**

PM Laird reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Engagement Program. PM Laird stated that the second public engagement session will be Friday, July 14, 2023 at the City of Birmingham Movie Night.

PM Laird stated that McKenna has completed 40% of park inventory. PM Laird showed on the City of Birmingham website where information can be found regarding the Recreation Master Plan surveys and parks comment map.

PM Laird stated that at the August 1, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board meeting that McKenna will be providing an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Collins suggested that the schools be contacted to identify the stakeholders of the school organizations.

2. Pickleball Update (*verbal*)

PM Laird stated that the hours for pickleball is 9am-8pm, open play hours are 9am-12pm and Birmingham residents may make reservations from 12pm-8pm daily, however all are welcome to use the pickleball courts but reservations take priority. The hours are being enforced and there is a park attendant monitoring the activity.

PM Laird stated that there have been some complaints about noise and parking from the neighboring residents. The parking situation has been visited by the police department.

PM Laird stated at the August Parks and Recreation Board meeting there will be a staff report for different ways, potential options for noise deafening. Pickleball has a distinct sound.

DPS Director Zielinski stated that any immediate issues that people are in violation of practices should be called in on the non-emergency police line if the park attendant is not available and if there are generalized complaints they should file on govpiilot.

PM Laird stated there has been a lot of positive comments and currently we have not opened it up for instructors or for large group happenings.

3. Lincoln Hills Updates (*verbal*)

DPS Director Zielinsk stated that construction is getting closed as finalizing the renovations for tee one cart path and some final work on irrigation that had to be put in based on re-grading the area and then the final landscaping will occur.

4. Dog Park Update

RC Folk provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the current revenue and expenses of the dog park that is located at Lincoln Hills Dog Park.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm, at 851 South Eton.

Chair Carmona adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Approved