

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2022**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heather Carmona  
Susan Collins  
Pam Graham  
Ross Kaplan  
Anne Lipp  
John Rusche  
Steve Sweeney

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Zachary Miketa, Seaholm High School  
Matthew Windsor, Seaholm High School

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ellie Noble

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

**GUESTS:** Kyle Goulding, Cindy Rose and David Young

It was moved by Rusche, seconded by Kaplan to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 5, 2022, regular meeting as submitted.

**Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, John Rusche, and Steve Sweeney

**Nays,** None  
**Absent,** Ellie Noble

It was moved by Lipp, seconded by Collins to add the Memorandum dated April 28, 2022, Update Concerning Open Meetings Acts to the Parks and Recreation Board Agenda, Communication/Discussion Item number 7.

**Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, John Rusche, and Steve Sweeney

**Nays,** None  
**Absent,** Ellie Noble

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Public Arts Board Update**

PM Laird reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the Public Arts Board Update Memorandum from Brooks Cowan, City of Birmingham Senior Planner.

PM Laird stated that the piano will return at Shain Park, similar to 2019. The Public Arts Board will be hosting a piano painting event at St. James Episcopal Church and then the piano will be placed beneath the Shain park pavilion.

PM Laird also stated that Detroit Institute of Art's Inside Out program will be returning to the City of Birmingham Parks which will include six locations.

Graham asked that social media outlets be used to communicate and publicize these two items.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Project Updates**

Chairperson Carmona recused herself from the Parks and Recreation Board meeting as the item 2a is related to Adams Park due to her conflict of interest with Adams Park.

Graham stepped in for Carmona.

**a. Adams Park Project**

PM Laird provided the Parks and Recreation Board an update. MRC the general contractor of the Adams Park Project provided a schedule with the City of Birmingham Administration.

PM Laird stated that an anticipated start date will be June 9<sup>th</sup> and with a completion dated of August 26<sup>th</sup> with a few components that will have a longer lead time.

Carmona returned to the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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

**b. Rouge River Trail Corridor**

PM Laird provided the Parks and Recreation Board an update on a recent meeting with the consultant MCSA and reviewed the scope of work of the project, i.e., trail system identifiers, addition of new trail entryways with an addition of restroom near Booth Park, improving connectivity, adding confidence markers/signage, footbridge replacement, erosion control, while partnering with future museum improvement projects and City Engineering with future plans with cost estimates and will be return back to the Parks and Recreation Board with future public improvement.

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

**c. Pickleball Update**

DPS Director Wood recapped the pickleball project progression, the mission of Parks and Recreation of providing quality recreational amenities and the importance of public engagement.

DPS Director Wood stated that Foresite Design withdrew from the pickleball project. DPS Director Wood stated a report will be going to the next City Commission meeting, recommending a conversion of the Crestview tennis courts to pickleball courts.

PM Laird stated that at a minimum the cracks will have to be repaired at the Crestview Tennis Courts.

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

**d. Ground Water Energy Passive System**

PM Laird described to the Parks and Recreation Board that Exlterra who the city has used before for tree care has been hired to install on the trail at Lincoln and Fairway Park a Groundwater Energy Passive System (GEPS).

PM Laird stated that GEPS is a system that is designed to eliminate standing water and protect underground structures from water by balancing soil moisture, allowing water to travel through the soil as needed. This water management solution is maintenance free and requires no adjustments.

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

**e. Prescribed Burn**

PM Laird stated the prescribed burns have been completed at Barnum Park and Quarton Lake area.

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

**f. Fire Station #2 Property**

DPS Director Wood stated a concept plan for a pocket park located at fire station #2 is under development by a local architect.

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

**g. Ice Arena Mural Contest-Engage**

PM Laird communicated that the mural contest has kicked off on Engage Birmingham and has been posted to the city website with a deadline of May 20, 2022. The communication director has shared this event with all social media channels and has been distributed to the Birmingham school district for distribution.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Pickleball Isn't Just for Seniors- Just Ask Stanley Cup Champ Kris Draper, Hour Magazine Article, 4/26/2022**

Pickleball newspaper article was provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: DPS Open House-Saturday, May 14, 2022**

DPS Open House flyer was provided.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: River Day Clean-Up, Saturday, May 21, 2022**

River Day Clean-Up flyer was provided.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Birmingham Ice Arena Recital-Sunday, May 22, 2022**

RC Folk stated provided a flyer on the recital which involves participants from the Learn to Skate program and the Figure Skating Club of Birmingham.

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

**COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #7: City Attorney Update Concerning Open Meetings Act**

A memorandum was provided to the Parks and Recreation Board as an update regarding the Open Meetings Act regarding committees and member participation was provided.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Cormona inquired about the installation date of an approved artwork at terminus of the Fairway Trail.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kaplan requested a dog park update.

PM Laird stated that a dog park update will be shared at the July Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

No Public Comments

Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:30 pm, at 851 South Eton.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm  
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Approved