

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2021

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm at 851 South Eton

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Carmona
Pam Graham
Anne Lipp
Ellie Noble (location: Birmingham, MI)
Dominick Pulis
John Rusche

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Collins, Ross Kaplan

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Alison Chapnick Groves High School

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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

PRESENTERS: Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran

GUESTS: Linda Forrester, Arnold Forrester and
Cindy Rose

It was moved by Pulis, seconded by Rusche to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 14, 2021 regular meeting as submitted.

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Pam Graham, Anne Lipp,
Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche

Nays, None
Absent, Susan Collins and Ross Kaplan

Agenda item #1: 2022 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Dates

RC Folk presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates for review.

It was moved by Pulis, seconded by Lipp to approve the 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates as submitted.

Ayes,	Heather Carmona, Pam Graham, Anne Lipp, Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and John Rusche
Nays,	None
Absent,	Susan Collins and Ross Kaplan

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Springdale Golf Course: Springdale Golf Course will close on Thursday, October 14, 2021 (verbal)
 DPS Director Wood stated that Springdale Golf Course will closed on Thursday, October 14, 2021 and Lincoln Hills Golf Course will remain open, weather permitting.
No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Pickleball Update (verbal)
 PM Laird stated the city did receive site evaluations from Forsite Design Inc. which was for the five potential pickleball locations which were previously discussed.

Administration is planning to meet with the Capital Projects Sub-Committee and reviewing the various locations with potential options and working on a more detail survey for Engage Birmingham and then will report back to the Parks and Recreation Board at an upcoming meeting.
No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Adams Park Update (verbal)
 DPS Director Wood stated that the Administration is waiting for a final proposal from Michael J. Dul and Associates to finalize the 2021 Adams Park Concept Plan and to give the city a proposal for construction drawings and bid specifications and hoping to have these items in advance of the next City Commission meeting which is October 25, 2021 and administration will prepare a report to go to the City Commission which will be their first formal look at the concept plan.

DPS Director Wood stated there could be other changes made to the concept plan based on additional comments received.

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Once Michael Dul is hired the Parks and Recreation Board will see additional designs based on costs and other comments received.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: Fire Station 2 Open Space Update (verbal)

DPS Director Wood reiterated Fire Station 2 open space property is being evaluated by a local architect Chris Longe, Architect and Interiors who is donating his time to prepare a preliminary concept plan. Hopefully the concept plan may be shared with the Parks and Recreation Board in December.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Trail-Sub Committee Update (verbal)

DPS Director Wood stated that the Trail-Sub Committee members Ross Kaplan, Pam Graham, Laird and herself took a walk through the trail and park way system.

Graham stated the committee walked the trail and the purpose was to think on how the committee would propose and prioritize to label the trailheads and to make the trail continuous.

Graham stated that the committee has some good ideas and to also consider an extension of the trail from the museum to Linden Park so someone could walk from Booth Park and to get all the way to Fairway from Linden Park. This may be accomplished in different ways and with trail identifiers.

Graham went on to say there are other opportunities to take a different path not by the museum but it is depending on some surveys and architect and legal kind of issues regarding private property.

Pulis asked if there was an idea on connecting the Quarton Lake trails. Graham stated that there was some discussion and the city is exploring with legal.

Pulis asked about expansion and adding trails to the network. Graham stated there was no discussion on new trails. Pulis stated he only asked because of the tunnel that is under Poppleton Park.

Rose stated that the tunnel was closed because of constructional safety concerns.

Noble stated the tunnel was closed due to health and safety concerns.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Birmingham Ice Sports Update (verbal)

Stempien reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board the progress of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena project. Stempien shared pictures of the progress of the construction of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena which includes pictures of the lobby, studio party room, main arena, outside pictures, concession stand area, mechanical room and other areas of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

NEW BUSINESS:

A celebration for William Wiebrecht on October 16, 2021 from 11 am – 2pm at Springdale Shelter.

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, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator