

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2021

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Alison Chapnick Groves High School
Kyle Sayers, Seaholm High School

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: R.J. Carrel, Groves 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

Michael J. Dul, Michael J. Dul and Associates
Michael Jacobs, Michael J. Dul and Associates

GUESTS: Jack Burns, Andrea Green, Geri Rinschler,
Linda Forrester, Arnold Forrester, Marty Resig,
Cindy Rose, Brian Wilmers, Roeper Facilities
Planner and David Young

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Lipp to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting as amended.

ROLE CALL VOTE: **Ayes,** Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Pam Graham, Anne Lipp,
Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche
Nays, None

AGENDA ITEM #1: 2021 Adams Park Concept Plan, Michael J. Dul and Associates

DPS Director Wood stated to the Parks and Recreation Board that Adams Park is 1.46 acres and has been at the top of the park improvement priority list for quite some time, with a concept plan design prepared in 2016 by Michael J. Dul & Associates and accepted by City Commission on October 27, 2016.

DPS Director Wood together with Michael J. Dul & Associates reviewed the 2016 Adams Park Concept Plan with the surrounding neighborhood associations in May and July of 2021 and also with Roper School administration during the review modifications were being made to the plan.

Dul showed the Parks and Recreation Board an aerial of the current images of Adams Park calling out the elements that included a play area, basketball court, soccer field, fencing, discus and shot put and Roper School.

Dul revealed the new elements of Adams Parks with park features and elements that have been selected but are not set in stone and can be modified based on feedback and available funding. After meeting with the homeowner associations and with Roper the open space that is used for soccer was increased in size.

Dul showed pictures of the new elements such as a new basketball court, benches, trash receptacles, sandbox, drinking fountains, fencing, play equipment, soccer nets, new trees, shrubs, flowers and different type of surfaces.

Dul showed the Parks and Recreation Board various aerial views of the concept plan showing all the proposed elements which is better organized and a more efficient use of the land.

Lipp asked about the rain gardens that are shown. Dul stated the rain gardens will assist with the run off from Adams Park.

Jacobs stated for design wise they tried to separate the elements so the school and the general public could use Roper simultaneously.

Graham stated that with the new design it does allow for the students and the general public at the same time.

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Pulis asked about installing a splash pad at Adams Park. Dul stated that Adams Park has some soft and subtle features and that a splash pad installation would be for a larger park.

Wilmers stated that when the property was sold to the City of Birmingham there was an agreement signed for shared use since 2005.

Green stated that she hopes that there could be more creativity for the play equipment, the parking around Adams Park and the possibility of purchasing a tent that both Roeper and the homeowners could use as well.

Resig stated that overall Adams Park looks great and wanted to verify the use of discus and shot put. Wilmers verified that the discus and shot put are used by Roeper School.

Rinschler stated the Adams Park is very welcoming to the homeowners association.

Carmona stated that comments can still be received on Engage Birmingham for the next two weeks.

It was moved by Graham, seconded by Pulis to support and acknowledge the Adams Park Concept Plan dated August 30, 2021 as presented and as endorsed by the South Poppleton Homeowner's Association, Birmingham Estates Homeowner's Association and Roeper School and forward to the City Commission for their consideration. In addition, to recommend proceeding with design development services including construction drawings and bid documents with Michael J. Dul & Associates.

Ayes,

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

Nays,

None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Pickleball Update (verbal)

PM Laird stated Forsite Design Inc. was hired to perform site evaluations and recommendations of possible pickleball courts. Foresite Design Inc. will be wrapping up their review of the sites and will provide a recommendation very soon to the city.

PM Laird stated that signs will be placed at the potential pickleball locations informing the public that this could be a possible pickleball location and directing them to Engage Birmingham for more feedback.

PM Laird stated that a recommendation for pickleball locations will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Board at a future meeting.

L Forrester stated that Crestview and Poppleton Park would be much better suitable for pickleball than St. James Park because it would be in the middle of a neighborhood since the city would start getting complaints because of the sound of the ball that is used.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 Trail Sub-Committee Update (verbal)

Graham reported to the Parks and Recreation Board that progress is being made to address the connectivity and wayfinding of the trails.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update

Stempien shared photos of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena and updated the board on the scheduled installations and inspections that will be occurring for September which includes bench installations, electrical/mechanical/plumbing installations, bleacher installation, rubber flooring installations, team locker room installations, AV/PA/Tech installations and then final inspections.

Stempien shared with the Parks and Recreation Board a three week outlook on the project. Stempien shared before and after photos of the locker rooms, main and studio arena and bleacher installations.

Graham asked about the energy efficiencies of the equipment that is being installed and will it be monitored.

Stempien stated that the energy efficiency of the ice plant equipment will be significantly better than it was before because you can actually operate the ice arena with one of the three compressors that are installed. Stempien stated that compressors may be turned off based on ice conditions.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4a: Gold Course Finance report-July, 2021

DPS Director Wood provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course finance report dated July, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4b: Golf Course Report-September 13, 2021

DPS Director Wood provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report dated September 13, 2021.

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 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

Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator