



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting
6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 (*regular meeting*)
- IV. Agenda Items**-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Pickleball Sites- Public Input
 - 2. Fire Station 2 Park Designation Request
 - a. City Commission Report dated March 30, 2021
 - b. Email received from Commissioner Rackeline J. Hoff
 - c. Memorandum from Fire Chief Paul Wells
 - d. City Commission draft minutes of April 26, 2021
 - 3. 2021-2022 CIP
 - 4. Capital Projects Sub-Committee Report-May 5, 2021
 - 5. Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update
 - 6. Ice Arena Finance Report, period ending – March 31, 2021
 - 7. Immediate Release-Birmingham Launches New Online Engagement Platform for Community Input
 - 8. Parks and Recreation Board Roster
 - 9. Rouge River Clean-Up, May 15th
 - 10. Quarton Lake Garlic Pull, May 16th
 - 11. Email Dated April 14, 2021, Re: Park Suggestions
 - 12. Parks in Mt. Clemens and Rochester Hills to be enhanced with new water features and playgrounds, Metro Detroit
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

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Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2021

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the virtual meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Carmona (location: Birmingham, MI)
Susan Collins (location: Petoskey, MI)
Pam Graham (location: Birmingham, MI)
Ross Kaplan (location: Birmingham, MI)
Ellie Noble (location: Birmingham, MI)
Dominick Pulis (location: Birmingham, MI)
John Rusche (location: Birmingham, MI)

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

R.J. Carrel, Groves High School
Alison Chapnick Groves High School

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

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

GUESTS:

Anne Lipp, Gary Piotrowicz and
Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President
Plante Moran

It was moved by Susan Collins, seconded by Dominick Pulis to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting as amended.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan,
Ellie Noble, Dominick Pulis and
John Rusche

Nays, None

AGENDA Item #1 Birmingham Ice Sports Arena General Contractor Recommendation

Carrie stated that proposals were received on March 31, 2021 for The Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Renovation and Additions Project. This project consists of replacement and relocation of the refrigeration system, including all equipment and piping and new dehumidification system. Other improvements include: renovation of the lobby, concession area, adding on to and renovation of the existing locker rooms along with the addition of a team locker room. A new party room will be installed at the front of the facility, in the studio rink area. Carrie stated that a mandatory pre-bid walkthrough and meeting was held on March 16, 2021, with 17 in attendance.

Robert Stempien presented to the Parks and Recreation Board an updated presentation of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Renovation. Robert presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the time-line of the project.

Robert stated that C.E. Gleeson Constructors, Inc. looks very promising, but we are reviewing all details and potential alternates, which will affect the overall project award amount. Thirteen alternates were part of this request for proposals, including deducts and additions, extensive so as to allow for flexibility. The studio ice arena portion of the project would not occur to ice surface but the addition of the conference room in the studio arena would occur. A lot of construction upgrades are associated with making the Birmingham Ice Arena ADA compliant.

Robert stated that there has been an increase on construction material such as steel beams, PVC, hardware, etc.

Anne Lipp asked if the studio would not be open in the summer moving forward. Robert stated that the studio will need to be shut down for three to four months to allow for the perm a frost from the surfacing. Robert stated that the conference room would still be constructed.

Anne expressed her disappointment on not proceeding forward on the upgrade of the studio as it relates to the ice surface. Anne stated that she sees the studio as the heart of Parks and Recreation.

Dominick also voiced his concern on not moving forward on the upgrades of the ice surface.

Robert stated that the project is slated for the April 12, 2021 City Commission.

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Pam asked about recycling the material such as steel be removed from the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

Pam also wanted to support her disappointment on not moving forward on the renovation of the ice floor.

Robert stated that he would need to verify with Gleeson's regarding the recycling of material.

Lauren stated learn to skate classes may be held in the main arena during the summer months.

Anne stated the concerns of having the classes in the main arena and will there be time allotted time for these classes in the main for the summer months.

It was moved by John Rusche, seconded by Susan Collins to recommend the Birmingham Ice Arena Renovation and Additions project award be to C.E. Gleeson Constructors, Inc. and forward to the City Commission for approval.

Gary Piotrowicz stated that the project has full support from the Birmingham Hockey Association and the Birmingham High School team.

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Ellie Noble,
Dominick Pulis and John Rusche

Nays, None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Parks Rules and Regulations-City Commission Adoption, March 8, 2021

Carrie provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the Parks Rules and Regulations that was adopted at the March 8, 2021 City Commission meeting. Carrie stated that new signs will be installed within a few months.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Ice Arena Finance Report, period ending-February 28, 2021

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the Ice Arena Finance report ending February 28, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

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COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Project Updates (*verbal*):

Adams Park:

Lauren stated that there has been communication with Roeper. Roeper is on board with the Adams Park Renovation. A meeting will be scheduled with DPS administration, Roeper liaison and members from the neighborhood association who was heavily involved with design of the Adams Park Concept Plan.

Barnum Park:

Carrie stated the electrical project is winding down. A prescribed burn was facilitated on March 22nd and neighbors were informed. Carrie stated that new bench locations will be available.

Chesterfield Fire Station #2-Park Future:

Lauren stated a report will be on the April 12th City Commission Agenda to refer renaming of Chesterfield Fire Station to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review, discussion and recommended actions about designating a portion of the Chesterfield Fire Station property as a City Park and provide formal park naming procedures. Further, to consider potential park site amenities and budget implications in order to undertake such endeavor.

Wedding Rental Agreement (*Ceremony Only*):

Lauren stated that a wedding rental agreement will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Board at a future meeting to revisit the agreement.

Pickleball:

Carrie stated at a future meeting staff will discuss pickleball locations, including size of the courts and the pros and cons of each locations.

Golf Course:

Lauren stated that both golf courses are opened.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board on any items listed under Communication/Discussion item #3

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: City Commission Budget Hearing, Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 8:30 am

Information provided to the Parks and Recreation Board

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM #1: Allocation of overtime for the Birmingham Ice sports Arena (*verbal*)

Carrie stated the department is working with the finance dept. to resolve the distribution of overtime allocations from some of the full-time employees.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

NEW BUSINESS:

Ross Kaplan stated there is an upcoming community built playground project for the Academy of Warren that is located on 8 mile and Schoenherr Rd., from May 17-June 4th and are looking for volunteers to assist with this project.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

Carrie stated that community built projects would be something to look into depending on the size of project.

Heather and Pam suggested that Roeper students might be interested in participating in the future Adams Park renovation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Public Comments

Heather Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 virtually at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator



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PICKLEBALL PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Communication/Discussion Item #1

Pickleball

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, over a net.

The sport shares features of other racquet sports: the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. The spread of the sport is attributed to its popularity within community centers, physical education classes, public parks, private health clubs, YMCA facilities and retirement communities.

There are multiple tournaments played each year both within the United States: The U.S Pickleball National Championships and U.S Open Pickleball Championships as well as numerous international championships.

Pickleball

Tonight, we'd like to hear from the public on potential locations for Pickleball

Engage Birmingham (aka "Bang the Table") one of the 1st projects
<https://engage.bhamgov.org/>

Survey open until May 31, 2021



Birmingham Launches New Online Engagement Platform for Community Input



5 Locations Presented this evening:

- Crestview Park
- Lincoln/Eton Corner (Kenning Park)
- Poppleton Park
- St. James Park
- West Lincoln Well

2 Options: New (anticipated with P & R Bond) or Convert an existing tennis court to Pickleball

Why not other locations?

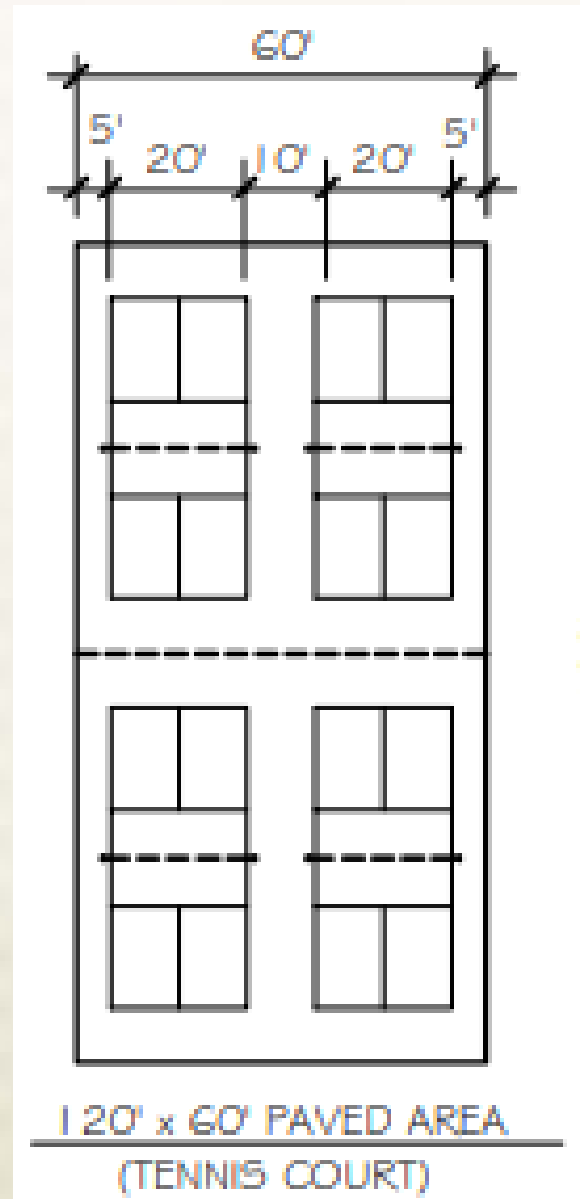
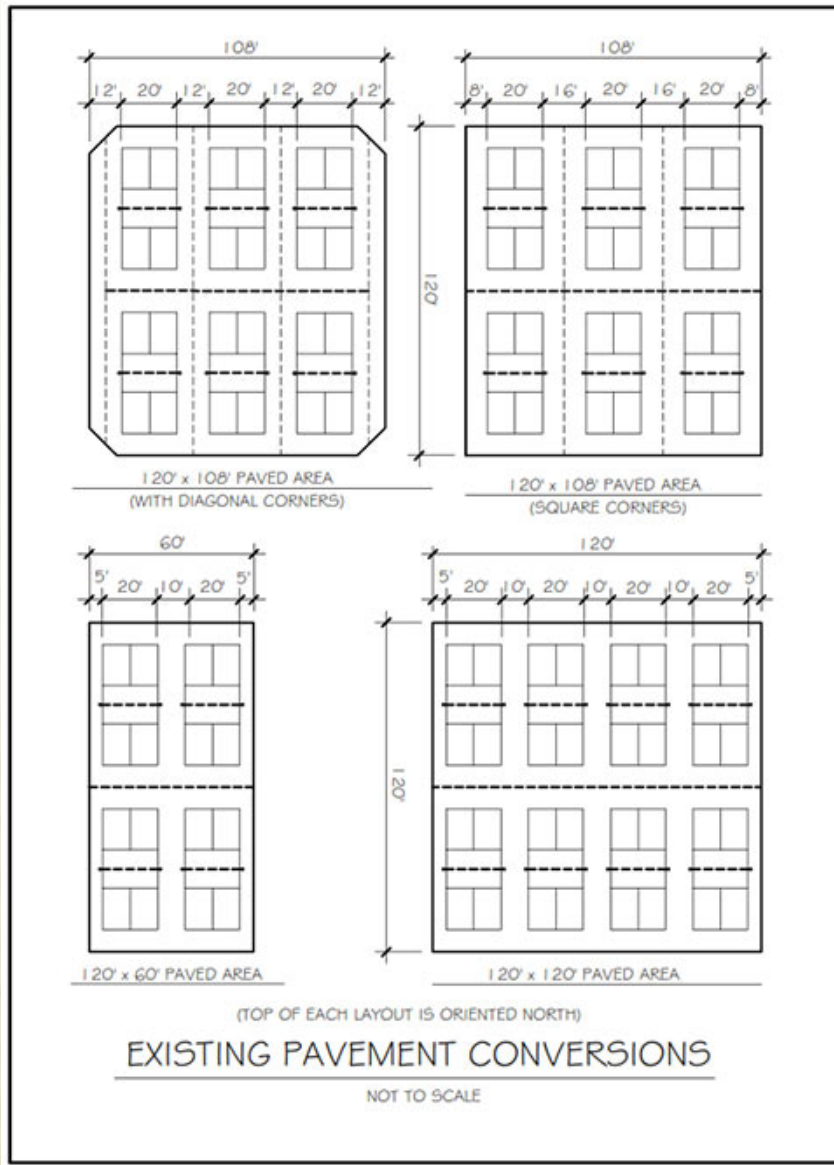
- Staff Reviewed all Parks
- Spacing Requirements
- Other programmed activity
- Proximity to other nearby parks with tennis courts
- Nature of Park- Active/Passive
- Other items



Pickleball Considerations

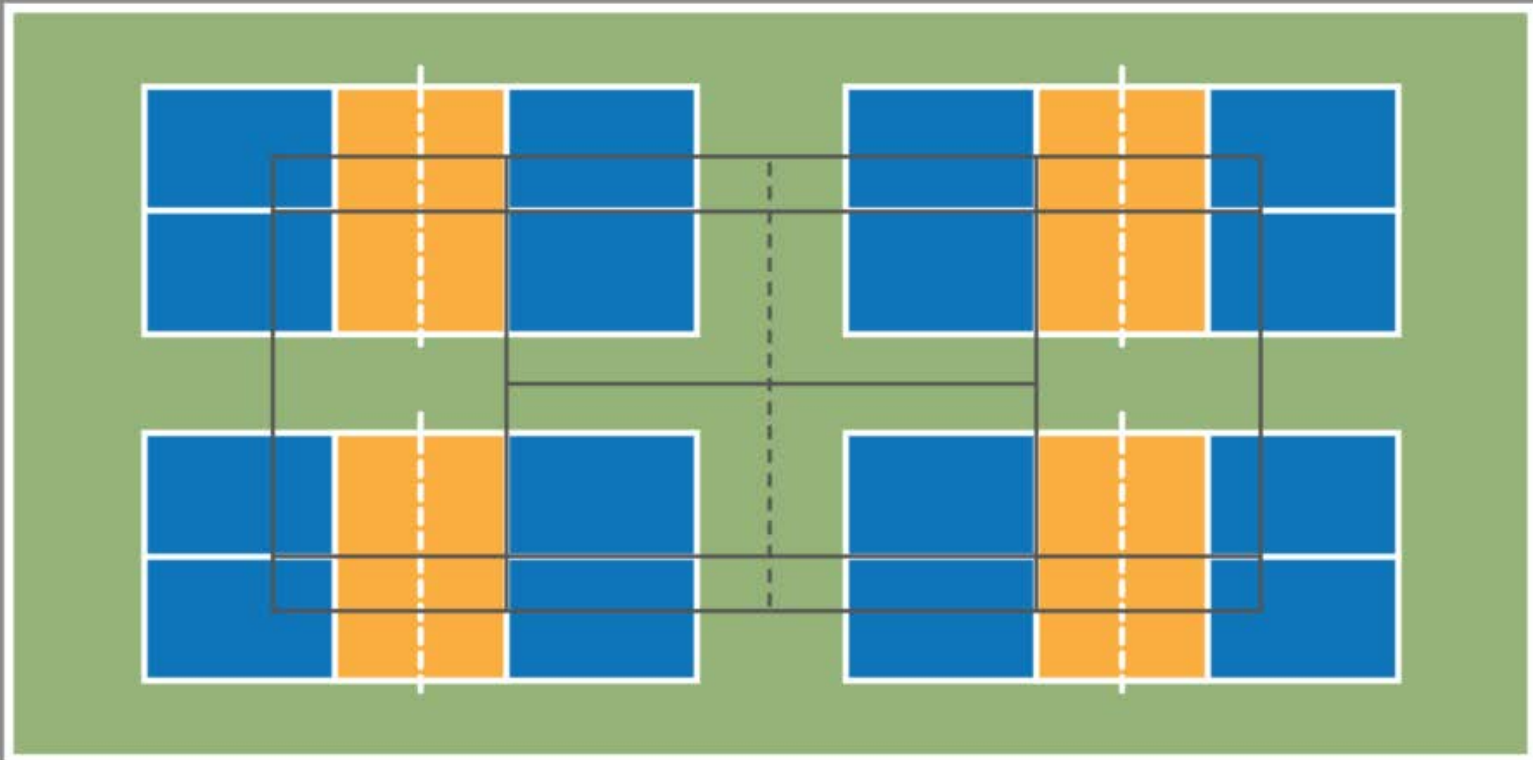
- Parking
- Ladder Leagues (6 to 8 courts needed)
- ADA- curb cuts, sidewalk up to and surrounding
- Site Furnishings- tables, spectators, restrooms
- Proximity to nearby residences- sound attenuation/visual separation
- Tennis Players
- Other current park activity
- New vs. Convert Existing Tennis Courts-
- Size: 1 Tennis Court = 4 Pickleball Courts
 - 30 ft x 60 ft- Minimum Size for Recreational/Drop-In Play
 - 34 ft x 64 ft- New Construction, Competitive Play

Tennis Court Conversions



USA Pickleball, American Sports
Builders Association

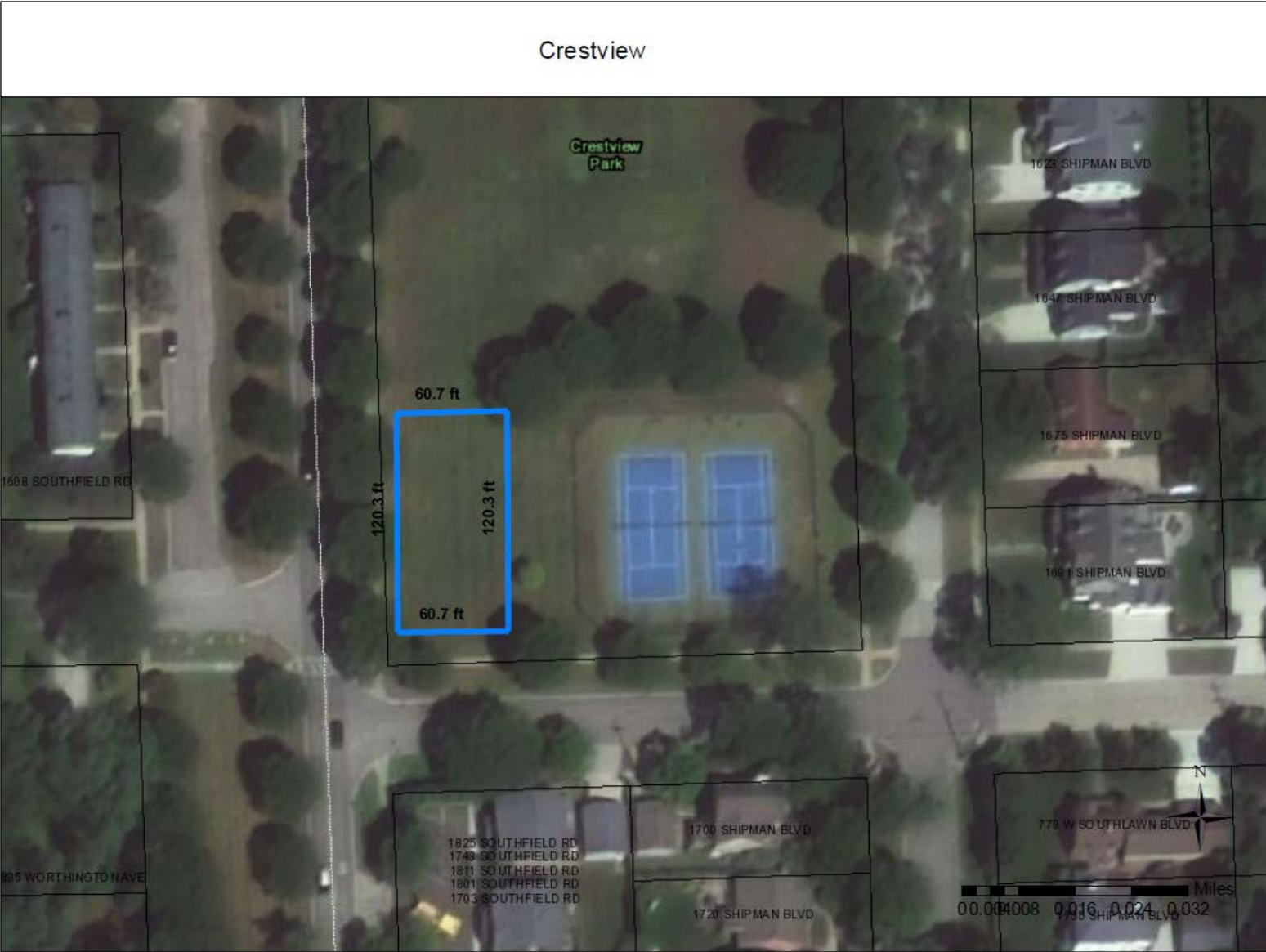
TENNIS COURT CONVERTED TO PICKLEBALL COURTS



Total Play Area = 60 x 120 ft



Crestview Park



Crestview Park



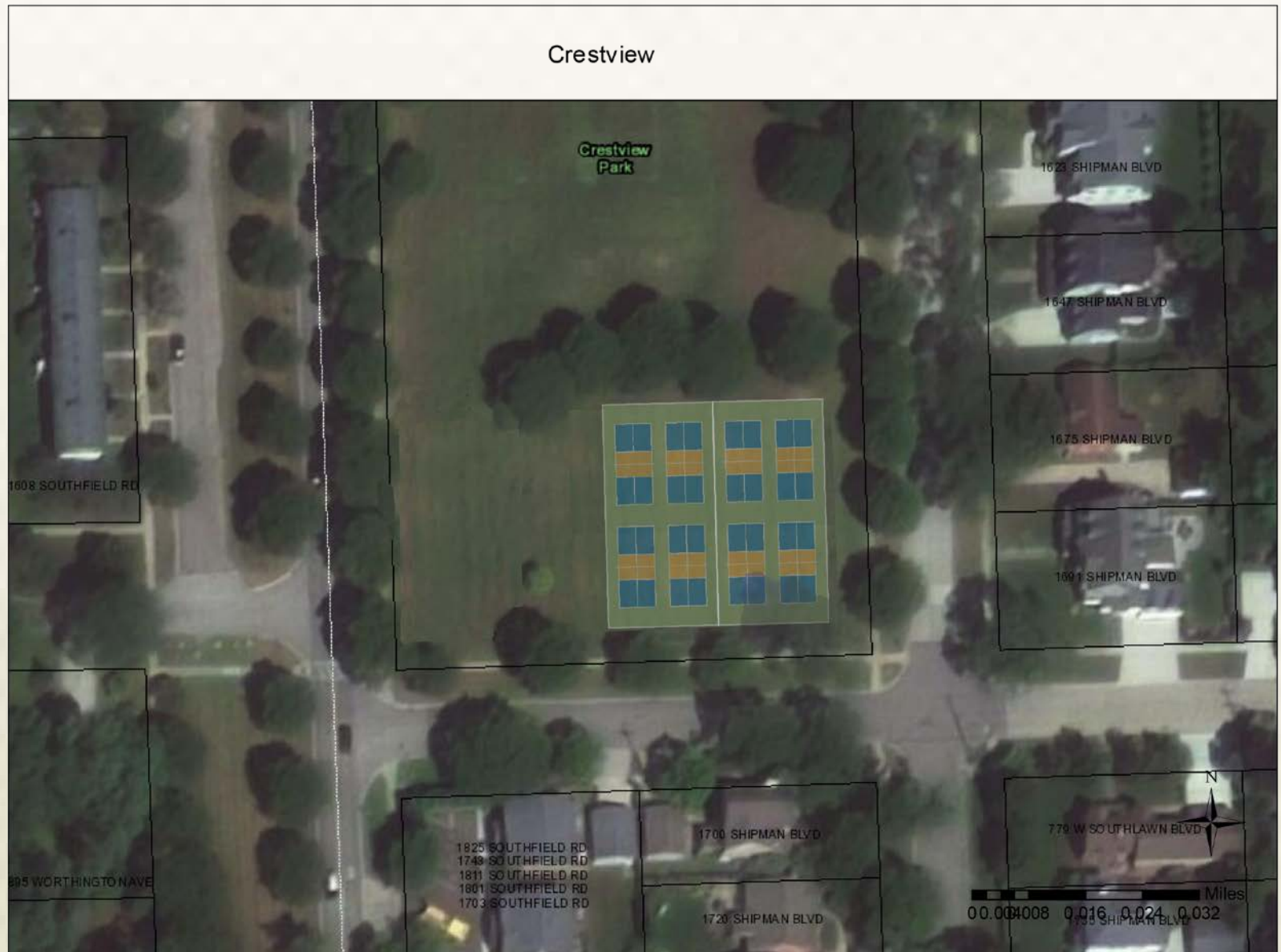


Crestview Park



Crestview Park

Crestview – convert Tennis



Crestview Park

Considerations:

Parking: On- Street only

ADA: Needed additional sidewalk up to the courts, curb cut-accessible ramp

Site Amenities: Portable restroom available

Minimal disruption for residents

Current Park activity: Tennis Playground, Open Space for Soccer

New vs. Conversion:

New:

4-6 courts maximum. Need a buffer/screening between tennis and pickleball.

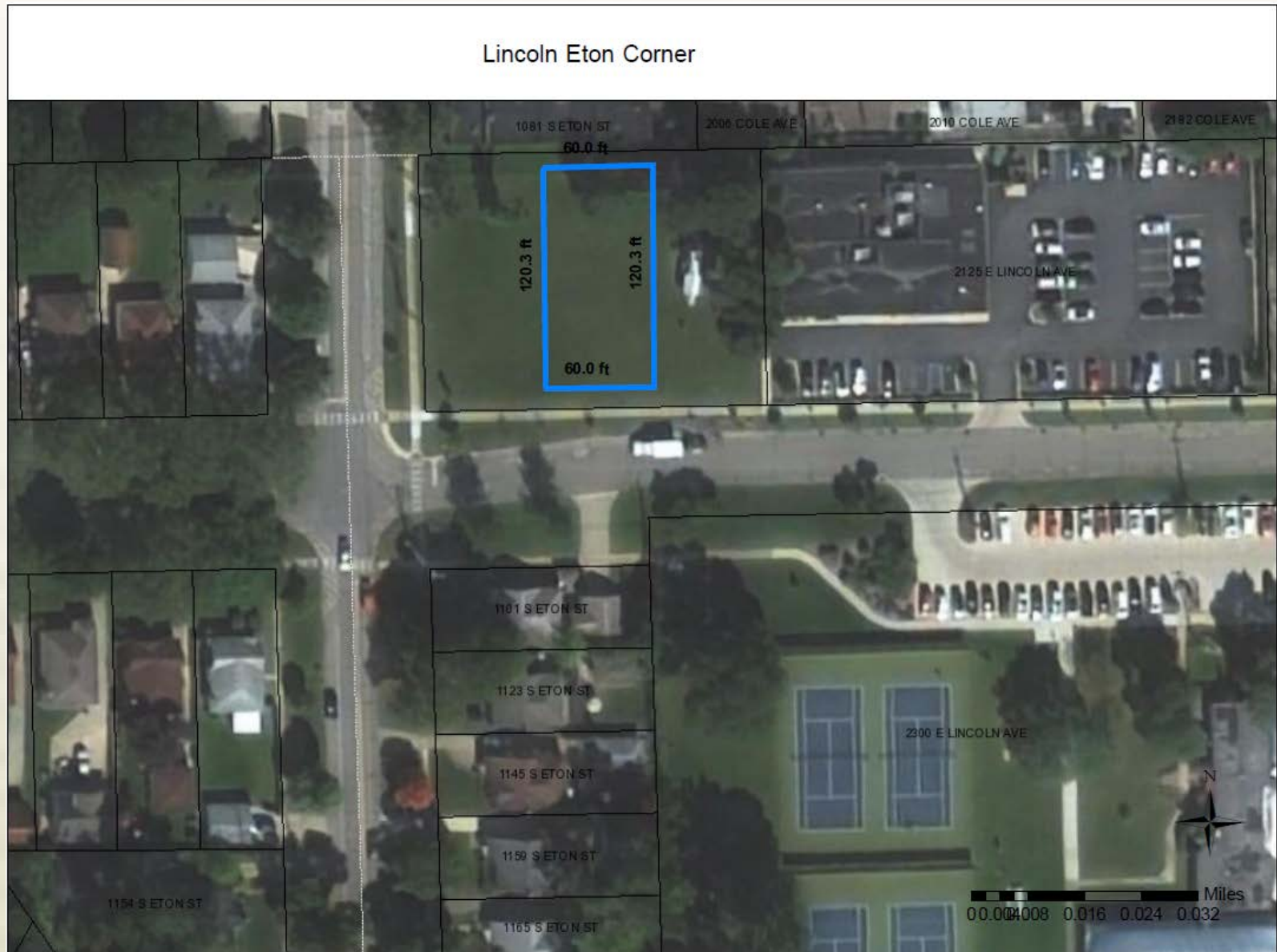
Conversion:

Condition of Court: Crack repair in 2012, next up for crack repair/painting

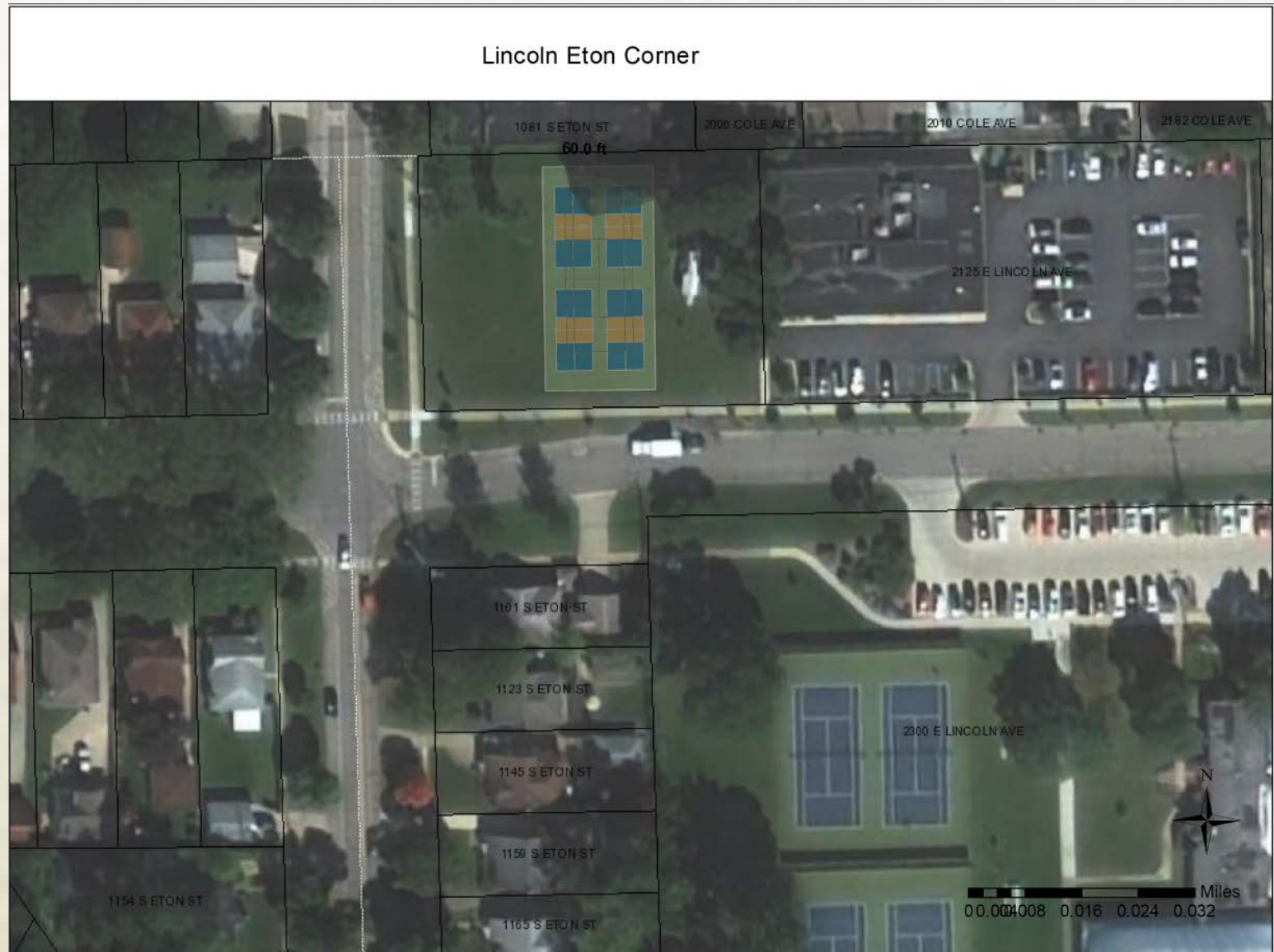
How many reservations? 2020: 215 Reservations (2,011 Total Reservations)

2021: 37 Reservations (as of 5/3/21)

Lincoln/Eton Corner (Kenning Park)



Lincoln/Eton Corner (Kenning Park)





View from Eton Street, looking Southeast



View from Lincoln Street

Lincoln/Eton Corner (Kenning Park)

Considerations:

Parking: On- Street or at Kenning Park Parking Lot across the street

ADA: Needed additional sidewalk up to the courts, curb cut-accessible ramp, possible curb cut for ADA parking spot

Restrooms nearby- Ice Arena Facility

Minimal disruption for residents

Near Sports Complex

Engage Birmingham Survey-
#2 pick! (so far)

New vs. Conversion:

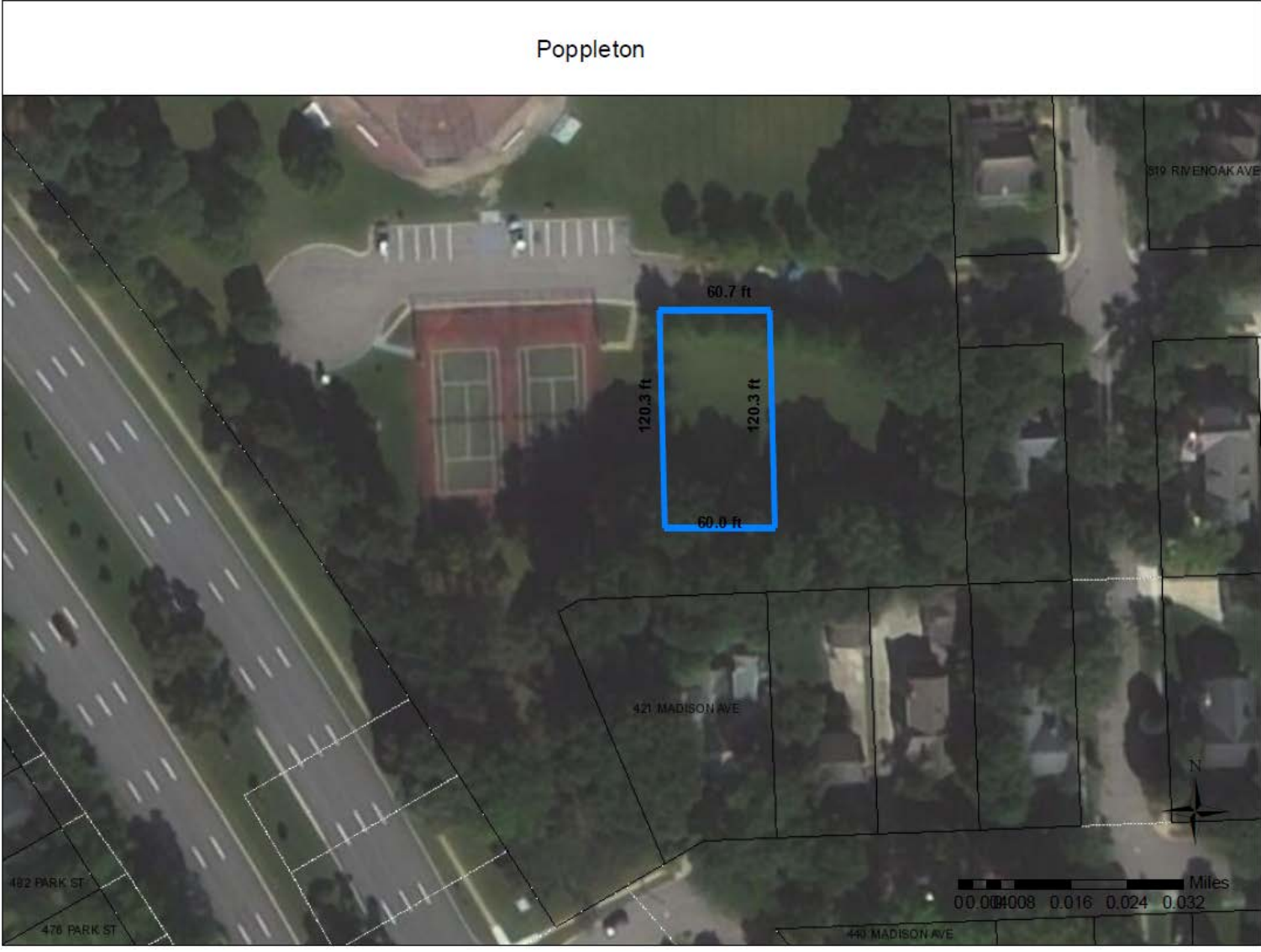
New:

No Existing Court

Room for 4 to 6 courts

Screening Needed

Poppleton Park



Poppleton Park



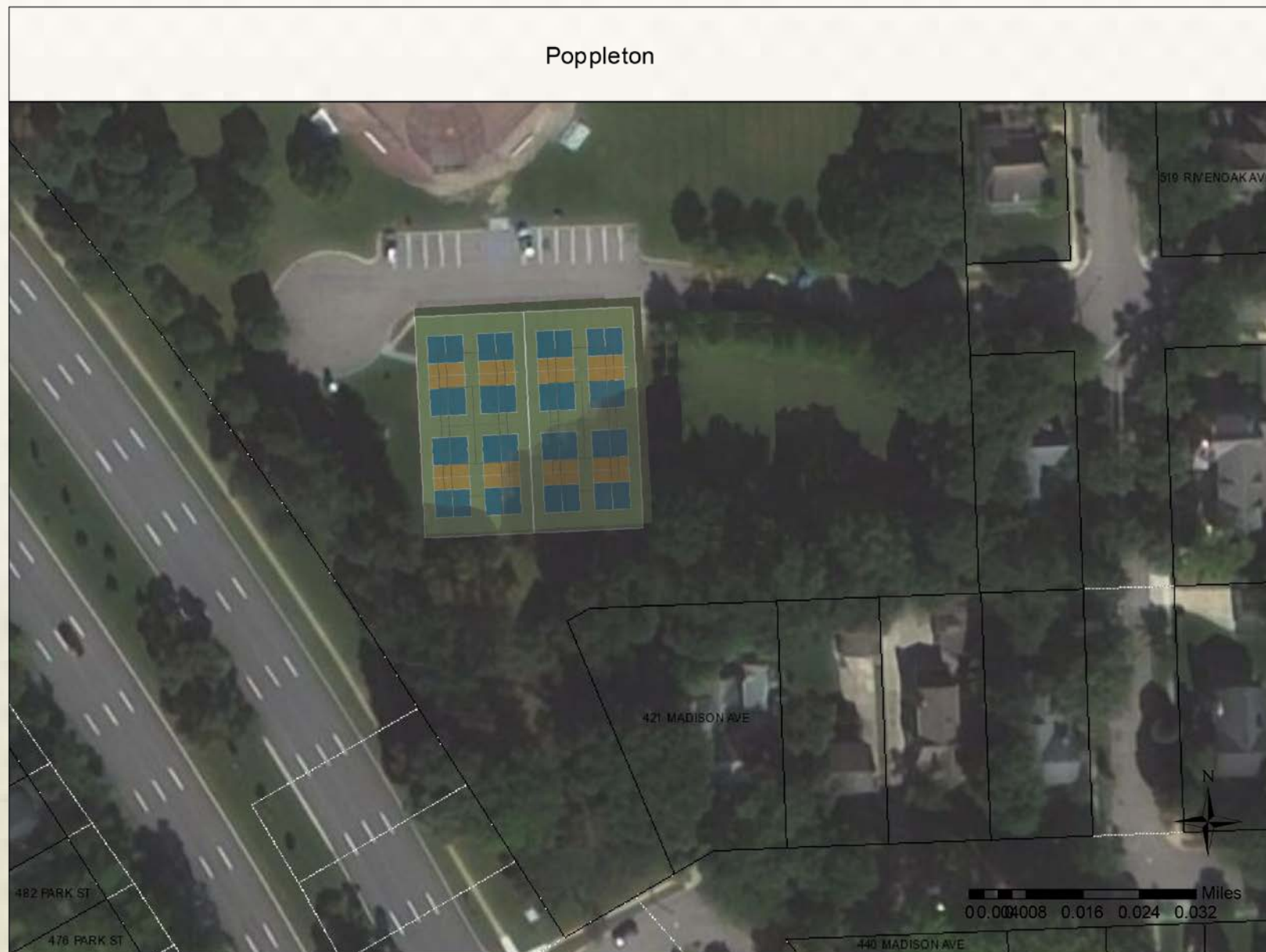
Poppleton Park



Poppleton Park



Poppleton Park – Convert Tennis



Poppleton Park

Considerations:

Parking: On site

ADA: Existing sidewalk up to the courts. There is an accessible ramp currently.

Portable toilet available

Current Park activity: Softball, Playground

Engage Birmingham
Survey: #1 Pick ! (so far)

New vs. Conversion:

New:

Very close to neighboring residences, existing tennis courts

Conversion:

Condition of Court?: Good, crack repair and painting done in 2020

How many Reservations? 2020: 124 Reservations (2,011 Total Reservations)
2021: 18 Reservations as of 5/3/21

St. James Park



St. James Park



St. James Park

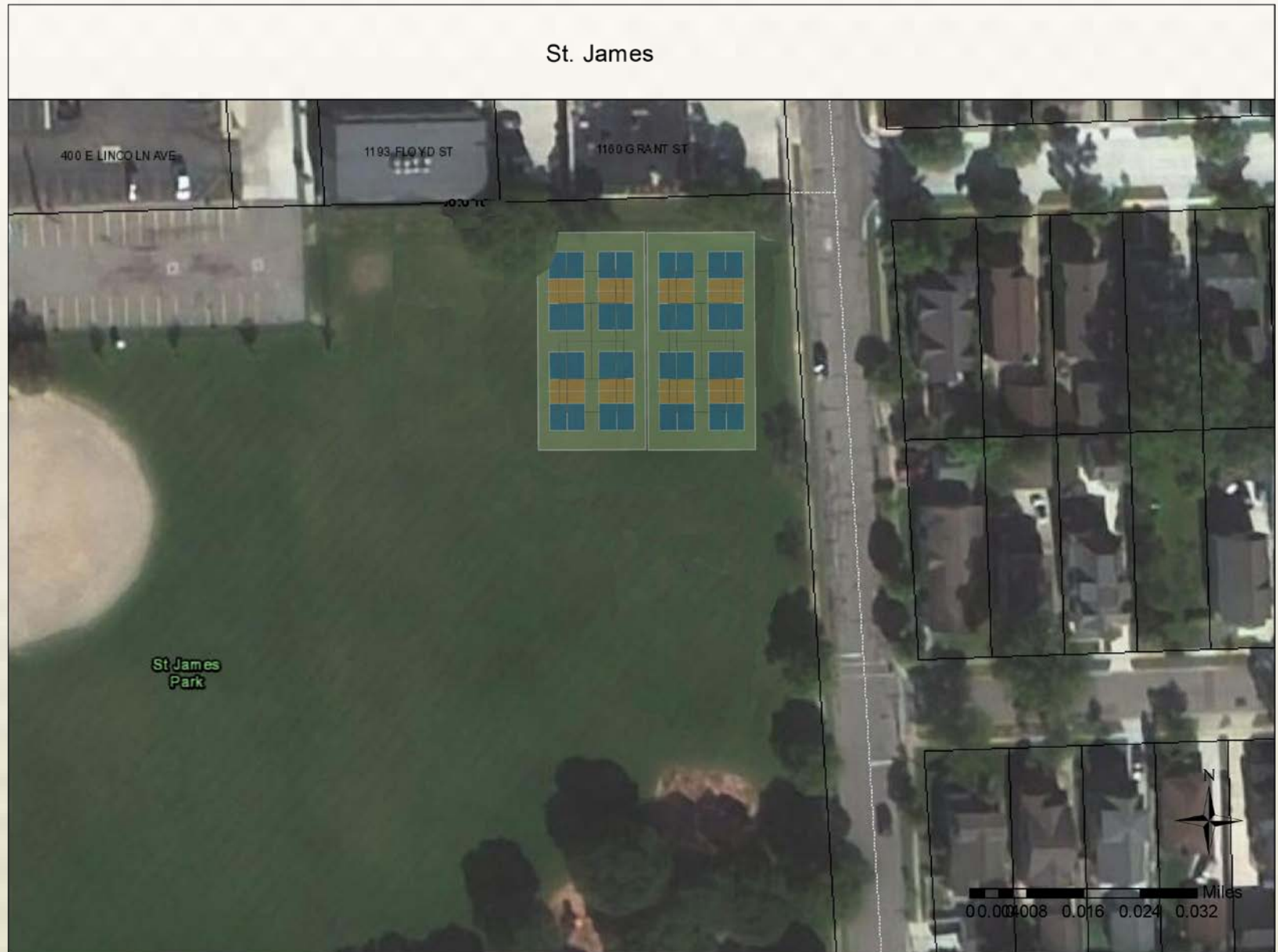




St. James Park



St. James Park – convert Tennis



St. James Park

Considerations:

Parking: On-site parking lot

ADA: Needed additional sidewalk up to the courts with an accessible ramp

Portable toilet available

Current Park activity: Softball, Little League, YMCA day camp, Playground

New vs. Conversion:

New:

Very close to condos, existing tennis courts

Screening needed

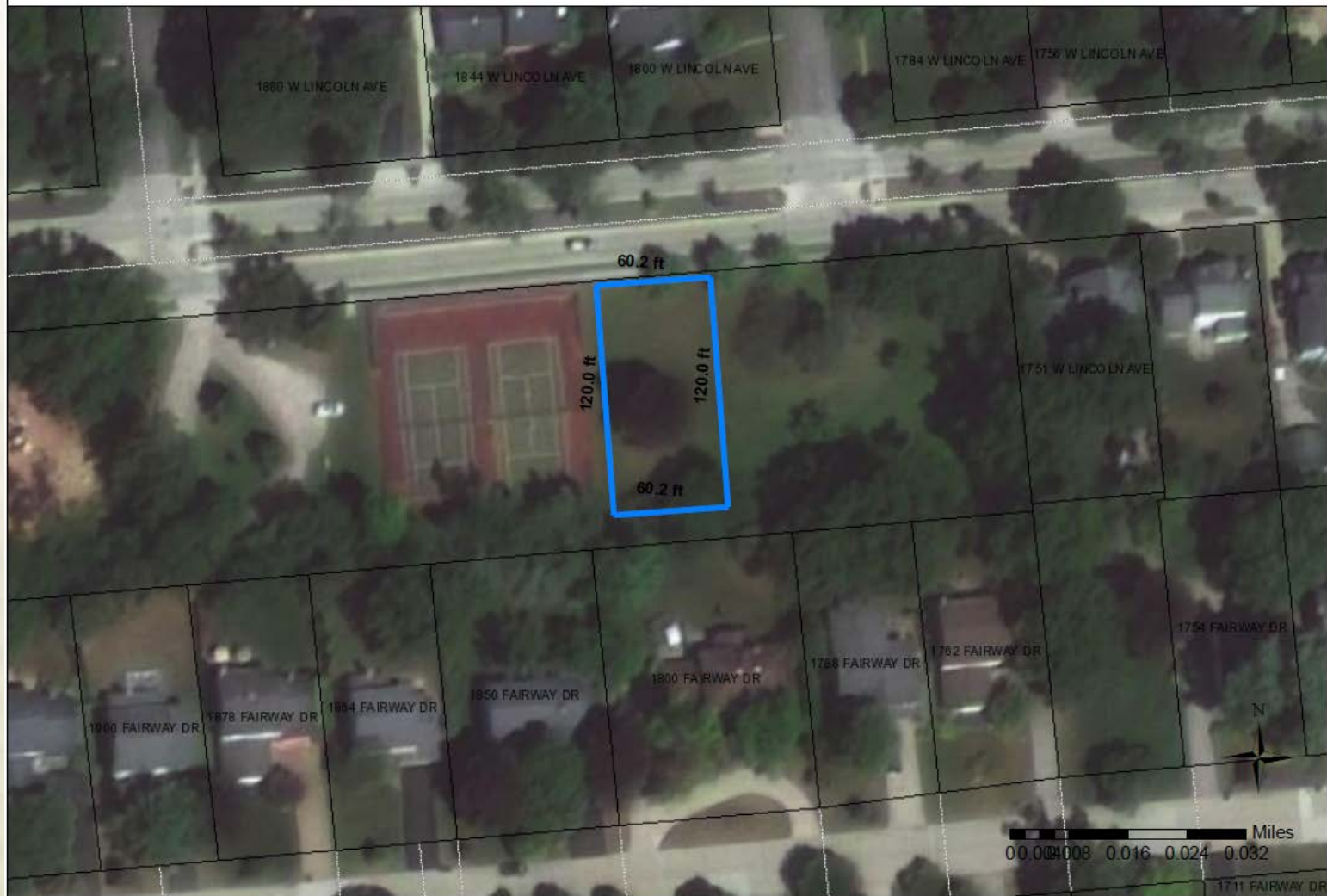
Conversion:

Condition of Court?: Crack repair and painting done in 2019. More cracking, ground conditions- need to look into.

How many Reservations? 2020: 345 Reservations (2,011 Total Reservations)
2021: 81 Reservations as of 5/3/21

West Lincoln Well Park

Lincoln Well



West Lincoln Well Park



West Lincoln Well Park



West Lincoln Well Park



West Lincoln Well Park – convert Tennis



West Lincoln Well Park

Considerations:

Parking: gravel loop drive, limited

ADA: Need additional sidewalk up to the courts with an accessible ramp,
need accessible parking area

Portable toilet available

Current Park activity: playground

New vs. Conversion:

New:

Very close to residences, existing tennis courts

Screening needed

Conversion:

Condition of Court?: Good condition, next up for painting.

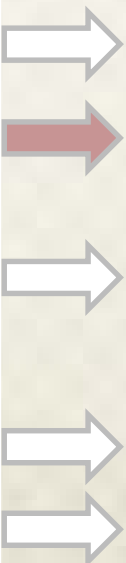
Seaholm Tennis Courts Nearby-owned by BPS, not City courts

How many Reservations? 2020: 229 Reservations (2,011 Total Reservations)

2021: 29 Reservations as of 5/3/21

City Tennis Court Data:

- 16 Tennis Courts at 7 Locations



Park/Location	# of courts	2020 Reservations
Crestview Park	2	215
Kenning Park	4	579
Pembroke Park	2	92
Poppleton Park	2	134
Quarton Tennis	2	417
St. James Park	2	345
W. Lincoln Well Park	2	229

Questions?

Let's hear from you!



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: March 30, 2021

TO: Thomas M. Markus, City Manager

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Chesterfield Fire Station - Park Designation

INTRODUCTION:

There is interest and ongoing conversation from community members about designating an existing public property (known as the Chesterfield Fire Station) as a City park. In addition, to consider naming the park in honor of a local resident. Last year, a proposal and petition for a new park and playground located at Fire Station #2 was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board at their August 11, 2020 meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board took no action. However, the Administration informed the presenter, Kate Bongiorno that further consideration and communication can occur about this idea after the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal in November 2020.

Some park elements proposed at the corner of this parcel are an all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo, among other suggestions. There is not a concept plan, to date, for the proposed suggested site amenities. Of course, this would be a good starting point, in order to provide estimated construction costs.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City property inventory, the Chesterfield Fire Station is a named property for use as a fire station. The location is on Maple Road between Chesterfield and Fairfax. The total area is 1.36 acres. The portion of this property to be labeled as a City Park is on the east side of the new fire station and comprises approximately .60 acres.

This property is zoned Public Property (PP), which is similar to all other public property including those sites classified as parks. There is no Park designation under the Zoning Code. For size comparison purposes, Adams Fire Station is 1.05 acres.

In July 2020, the City Commission identified park and recreation projects to be part of the local ballot proposal for \$11,250,000. The proposal to create a park at Fire Station #2 was presented after projects were included with the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal.

Since the passing of the Parks and Recreation Bond proposal, we are moving forward on several initiatives as part the recommended project priority list. The overall Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified several capital improvements projects at numerous City parks, new playgrounds and improvements to the Rouge River trail system. This proposal is not part of the overall parks and recreation initiatives.

As part of the due diligence in reviewing and making a recommendation back to the City Commission on this issue, the Administration will examine historical records and background information on other similar naming protocols of City parks, facilities and the like. There are examples from the past for which we can draw from as part of this review.

A donation is not being proposed as part of this request, but there is certainly a potential opportunity for donations to be part of any future park development. I have included a copy of the Parks and Recreation Donor Policy adopted in October 26, 2015 by the City Commission.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

New park and playground located at Fire Station #2 was not part of the Parks and Recreation Bond allocation, since it came up afterwards. Therefore, at this time, this park development is not included in the bond dollar distribution. There has been no funds budgeted in the current fiscal year budget for any park improvements at this site.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Public input will be ongoing, to be gathered at the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission meetings. Opportunities to include social media tools for additional feedback about this issue. Communications will be underway between City Administration and various City Departments.

SUMMARY:

Several issues need to be addressed as part of the review by the Parks and Recreation Board. These may include some of the following items. 1. Examine zoning issues and park designation steps. 2. Does this limit or restrict Fire Station uses and future expansion? 3. Review potential site amenities and probable costs, based on size and space restrictions. 4. How do we initiate naming opportunities, review past examples of City Commission actions. 5. How do we go about finding fundraising opportunities? 6. Examine potential financial impact and funding sources.

ATTACHMENTS:

- August 11, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board Agenda Item #2 and meeting minutes
- City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review, discussion and recommended actions about designating a portion of the Chesterfield Fire Station property as a City Park and provide formal park naming procedures. Further, to consider potential park site amenities and budget implications in order to undertake such endeavor.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission

1 message

Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 2:28 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

fyi

See the attached

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham

Department of Public Services

851 S. Eton, Birmingham, MI 48009

Direct Dial: 248.530.1702

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From: **Joe Valentine** <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 9:34 AM

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission

To: Brad Host <bhost@bhamgov.org>, Clinton Baller <cballer@bhamgov.org>, Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Racky Hoff <rhoff@bhamgov.org>, Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, Therese Longe <tlonge@bhamgov.org>, Tim Currier <tcurrier@bhlaw.us.com>

Cc: Alex Bingham <abingham@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

FYI - Please note the attached letter and petition received today from a resident in the Quarton Lake neighborhood to make the public property next to Fire Station #2 off Maple into a park and playground. Such requests would be routed to the appropriate board for a review and recommendation, which in this case is the Parks and Recreation Board.

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From: **Joe Valentine** <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 9:28 AM

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission

To: <katebongiorno@gmail.com>

Cc: Therese Longe <tlonge@bhamgov.org>

Ms. Bongiorno,

Thank you for sharing your petition for the creation of a new park and playground in the Quarton Lake Neighborhood next to fire station #2. As we consider opportunities for improving our parks we will include your petition for consideration as well. This evening the City Commission will be presented with an opportunity for a Parks and Recreation Bond and I will share your petition with them. Per normal protocol, your petition may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and development of a formal recommendation back to the City Commission to act upon. We can keep you advised as to when the Parks and Recreation Board may consider your petition so you can elaborate on the interest and ideas from your neighborhood.

Best regards,
Joe Valentine

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From: **Kate Bongiorno** <katebongiorno@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 5:54 PM

Agenda Item #2

Subject: Fwd: Proposal for the Birmingham City Commission
To: <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, <tlonge@bhamgov.org>

Dear City Manager Valentine,

Please find attached a letter and supporting petition proposing the creation of a new Birmingham City park and playground in the Quarton Lakes Estates neighborhood.

I have previously discussed this idea with City Commissioner Longe and have copied her on this email.

Incidentally, I would be glad to mail or deliver the actual signed petitions with citizens' signatures if it is preferred, but since City Hall is closed due COVID-19, an email and copy of the petition seemed the most efficient means of communication at this time.

Thank you for considering this community project.

Best regards,
Kate Bongiorno

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2 attachments

QLE Playground Petition .jpg
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 **Quarton Lakes Estates Playground Proposal 07.10.20.pdf**
95K

Kate Bongiorno
684 Puritan Avenue
Birmingham, MI 48009

July 10, 2020

Birmingham City Commission
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Birmingham City Manager Valentine, City Clerk Allen, and Esteemed Commission Members,

I would like to request and encourage your consideration of the creation of a 15th Birmingham City Playground in Quarton Lakes Estates.

This idea was hatched about a year ago when my friend (and fellow Birmingham resident) and I took our kids to visit all 14 Birmingham playgrounds in one day. It took us six hours and we enjoyed the variety of landscapes and playscapes and the opportunity to explore Birmingham. On our drive home, my kids and I wondered why our neighborhood was missing a neighborhood playground?

I subsequently shared my thoughts with other friends in the neighborhood and one, who I must take a moment to spotlight as one of Birmingham's most loyal citizens, Patricia Andrews, suggested that the greenspace adjacent to the beautiful new Fire Station #2 might be a good location to build a playground in the neighborhood.

I could not agree with her more!

The space next to Fire Station #2 has ample space to create a safe, pleasant, inviting space for recreation and relaxation. It has easy pedestrian and bike access from Fairfax, Chesterfield, and Maple Roads. In addition, it boasts street parking, complimentary nearby local businesses to visit for a snack while playing, a tony new fire station that is well-known by children in the neighborhood, and nice, established features of shade, safe distance from the roads, and access to the Fire Department in case of emergency.

This proposed playground space will offer a wonderful place for community connections!

The churches along Maple Road house many preschools and the playground will offer a welcome option for parents with younger siblings who have a couple of hours to play in between drop-offs and pick-ups at Quarton, West Maple, Hand-in-Hand and First Kids Preschools. For residents who are retired, a beautiful outdoor space with tables and benches will be a terrific location to meet up for coffee and conversation or gather for a game of chess, cards, or dominos with friends and neighbors... and fresh air.

Quarton Lakes Estates is a neighborhood with a population mix of families and retirees. A playground and park will create an ideal space for neighbors who otherwise miss one another due to different schedules and lifestyles to meet and socialize in a casual, outdoor setting. It offers intersections for neighbors to meet and get to know one another, which is vital for creating strong, connected neighborhoods and communities. As I shared this idea with my friends and neighbors, it was equally embraced by the young and the young at heart, individuals with children and those who enjoy being around children.

The creation of Birmingham's 15th playground has tremendous merit at face value, but there is ***so much more*** potential that comes part and parcel with its construction.

The park could be a great venue for residents to rent for birthday parties, scouts or sports team picnics, or school parties. While offering a safe option for social events, it could also generate a nominal source of revenue to support maintenance costs. Similarly, a structure such as fence or pathway could be constructed through donations and offer a place for residents to donate to their local neighborhood gathering space and "leave their mark" with an inscribed fence plank or brick or stone.

The park could also be a great place for the City to offer exciting, low-cost, high-impact events such as book readings, concerts, or holiday gatherings to promote community... and even spotlight rising poets, musicians, artists, or tastemakers living right next door who might happily share their talents with their neighbors on a sunny afternoon at the park?!

I propose that the space is simple but can impactfully multi-task: picnic tables and benches, garbage and recycling cans, a water fountain, a sandbox or Gaga Pit, a mix of toddler and youth, ADA inclusive swings, a slide, and basic climbing structure. The space could also potentially accommodate a basketball hoop and park exercise equipment that would be equally enjoyed by teenage and adult parkgoers *and* our loyal firefighters during downtime at the Station.

In addition, I suggest adding features that invite community collaboration: small gardens that could be adopted by residents, student groups, or schools; Book Walks that could be guided by friends at the ever-improving Baldwin Library; fairy gardens or nooks broadcasting positive, inclusive messages; a Little Library; a kiosk or message board where the City or residents could post useful, neighborly information (i.e. items for sale, new social groups, events, missing pet notices, etc.); and a hallmark feature to make the playground really unique such as a community-member created Art installation, a fence with love locks, a gazebo, a pine tree where ornaments could be displayed for seasonal holidays, or a take something/leave something surprise box.

The sky's the limit with opportunities to turn the beautiful space flanking Birmingham's impressive new fire station into a place with even more to offer its residents in Quarton Lakes Estates.... and the Birmingham community at large!

Upon presenting the idea around my neighborhood this Spring, I was greeted with great enthusiasm by neighbors on many different streets within Quarton Lakes Estates and across all demographics. I have attached a list of residents who similarly support the proposal of a playground in our neighborhood.

Moreover, in these uncertain times, I believe a safe, new, exciting open space, out of doors might be just what Birmingham needs to inspire hope and offer new opportunities for safe social engagement.

On behalf of my neighbors and myself, thank you for your consideration of this community improvement as well as your ongoing dedication to Birmingham, City Manager Valentine, City Clerk Allen, and Councilmembers Longe, Host, Hoff, Baller, Boutros, Nickita, and Sherman.

Sincerely,

Kate Bongiorno

Petition to Create a Quarton Lakes Estates Neighborhood
Playground Adjacent to Fire Station #2

Name	Address	Signature
Kristin Plumb	1841 Melbourne St.	Il-ne
Laura Northerner	1868 Melbourne St	Laura Northerner
Hannah Kessler	595 Kimberly St.	Hannah Kessler
Katie Holder	1882 Melbourne St	Katie Holder
June Strickland	1832 Melbourne St	June Strickland
MARIANNE WINTERS	1825 MELBOURNE	Marianne Winters
Jennifer Swanson	1777 MELBOURNE ST	Jennifer Swanson
Rob Dale	1755 Melbourne St.	Rob Dale
Erin Mortenson	975 Fairfax St	Erin Mortenson
Jen Genberg	287 Suffield Ave	Jen Genberg

Petition to Create a Quarton Lakes Estates Neighborhood
Playground Adjacent to Fire Station #2

Name	Address	Signature
Kate Bongiorno	684 Puritan Avenue	Kate Bongiorno
JAMES BONGIORNO	684 PURITAN AVE	J Bongiorno
^{Patricia Andrews} Patricia Andrews	235 Chesterfield	Patricia Andrews
Keri Robson	993 Suffield Ave	Keri Robson
Keri Robson	993 Suffield Ave	Keri Robson
MIKE BARD	916 SUFFIELD AVE	Mike Bard
Sarah Eversman	916 Suffield Ave	Sarah Eversman
NELISSA MARK	635 PURITAN AVE	Nelissa Mark
Thomas Mark	635 Puritan Ave	Thomas Mark
CYNTHIA LERON	672 Puritan Ave	Cynthia Leron
Amanda Schairer	1444 Chesterfield Ave	Amanda Schairer

SUSAN CONWAY	998 Brookwood Bham	Susan Conway
William Conway	11 11 11	William Conway
TRICIA PRAY	607 Pilgrim Birmingham	Tricia Pray
Darleen Mahler	1280 Redding Rd Birmingham	Darleen Mahler
HUGH MAHLER	1280 Redding Rd Birmingham	Hugh Mahler
ANTHONY FOREST	1098 FAIRFAX ST. BIRMINGHAM	Anthony Forest
Mariani Rahman	1757 Winthrop Ln, Birmingham	Mariani Rahman
LISA HOFFMAN	1862 Winthrop Lane	Lisa Hoffman
Jennifer Goertz	316 Puritan,	Jennifer Goertz
Lynn Host	639 Puritan	Lynn Host
BAL Host	639 Puritan	BAL Host
PASCALE BAUER	1791 PINE STREET	Pascale Bauer
William Beachum	701 Puritan	William Beachum

AGENDA ITEM #2: Letter dated July 10, 2020-Requesting a New Park & Playground-Quarton Lakes Estates

Lauren introduced Kate Bongiorno who presented a proposal for a playground in the Quarton Lake Neighborhood next to fire station #2, located on Maple Rd. and Chesterfield Rd. Kate stated it would be a park with a playground that would provide opportunities to the community for recreation activities.

Katie iterated the next steps would include community conversations. The area would include an all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo.

Lauren stated that the property is about a .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 and is not identified on any of the City of Birmingham maps in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Lauren stated that the timing is good for this type of project.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Parks Bond Opportunity- City Commission Meeting Agenda Item July 20, 2020:

Lauren presented the supporting background information in terms of the park bond opportunity, Language which is strictly a supplement to Annmarie's presentation.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Parks and Recreation Bond –email received from John Rusche

John stated he was motivated on sending the email after watching the deliberations from City Commission and the comments on how does the City Commission even knows that the Parks and Recreation Board is behind the Parks and Recreation bond.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3a Kenning Skate Park, Emails received from Dr. Anna Groebe and Jackie Ruppert

Lauren provided an exchange of communication on different uses of Kenning Skate Park. Lauren stated that staff is looking at other skate parks and once information is available they will be contacted so information maybe share with them once the item returns back to the Parks and Recreation Board. Lauren also stated that the parks rules and regulations will also be forthcoming.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3b Letter regarding Kenning Skate Park-received from Henry Franco

Lauren provided a letter that was received from Henry Franco regarding using scooters in the Lincoln Skate Park.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy

Thank you for considering Parks and Recreation in the City of Birmingham for your donation. We welcome donations from individuals, foundations, non-profit organizations and corporations and look forward to working with you.

While donations for our parks will enrich the community, the City of Birmingham recognizes that its open spaces, trails and recreation areas are precious resources. Accordingly, the City of Birmingham desires to protect and preserve the open, tranquil atmosphere of our parks, to protect the natural quality of our trails and to enhance the development of our recreational assets. Therefore, donations for park improvements and recreation programming will be considered with the support of those goals in mind.

I. DONATION CATEGORIES

The City of Birmingham welcomes donations in several categories including:

- a) Park landscaping elements include trees, shrubs and other flora. Donations of all landscaping elements, however, must be approved species and there may be site specific limitations. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Donor Program for further information.
- b) Park amenities for the purchase, replacement or refurbishment and maintenance of park benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, playground components and the like. Although suggestions from donors will be considered for the placement of a donated park amenity, final decisions as to location will be determined by the City of Birmingham. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Gift Donor Program for further information.
- c) Park features include arbors, pavilions, plazas, gardens, and the like. Such features must enhance the park, enrich the experience of park users and be consistent with park planning processes. Accordingly, such proposed donations will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Donors may contact the City of Birmingham or the Director of Public Services to discuss proposed park features.
- d) Monetary donations, such as cash or negotiable securities, may be used toward the development and general upkeep of park elements, amenities and features. Donors may identify a specific use for the City's consideration, or funds may be used to best meet the needs of the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation projects.

II. DONATION GUIDELINES

In order to have a consistent donor program, the following guidelines endeavor to address both the needs and resource capabilities of the City of Birmingham and the desire of donors to support Birmingham's Parks. Donors should contact the Director of Public Services to discuss donation ideas.

- a) The City wants to ensure the best appearance and aesthetic quality of its parks. Thus, donations should satisfy a true need of an approved park scheme.

II. **DONATION GUIDELINES** *(continued)*

- b) All donations will be reviewed for appropriateness and compatibility with the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plans. The City reserves the right to decline any donation if, upon review, the donation is (1) limited by special restrictions, conditions or covenants which pose unreasonable budgetary or maintenance obligations on the City, or (2) not in the best interest of the City.
- c) Donors may be asked to appear before the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board and/or the City Commission, to present their donation proposal. Public comment and feedback may be considered during the review process.
- d) The City understands that donors may have preferences regarding the choice of design professionals, vendors and contractors, and preferences regarding the location, size, scale, color and materials of donated elements, amenities and features. The City, however, must adhere to the open bid process requirements, if applicable, and to other City policies and goals. Accordingly, final decisions on all details of the proposed donation shall be at the sole discretion of the City of Birmingham.
- e) While the City recognizes the generally good intentions behind any donation, the City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to decline any gift or donation.
- f) Upon acceptance by the City, any donated element, amenity or feature, becomes City of Birmingham property. The City has an interest in ensuring that all park elements, amenities and features remain in good repair and will provide, at its sole discretion, reasonable maintenance of donated items. The City, however, is under no continuing obligation to repair, replace or maintain perpetual care for any donated item.
- g) The City will make a reasonable effort to notify a donor of any damage, theft or other loss to a donated item and may, at its sole discretion, repair or replace such a donated item to the extent it deems practical, or as described in the original gift agreement, if any.
- h) Because donations to the City of Birmingham may be tax deductible, donors are encouraged to consult with their tax advisor.

III. **DONOR RECOGNITION**

- a) Recognition shall be provided for all gifts given to the City of Birmingham for park improvements, subject to such general policy changes and amendments as may be implemented by the City Commission.
- b) "Naming rights" on any park feature or element are subject to the approval of the City Commission.
- c) All donations will be acknowledged by a letter of appreciation from the City of Birmingham.



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Concerns for Parks & Rec Board

1 message

Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

To include the email with my report which I will send to you later.

May Parks Board item.

Thanks!

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham

Department of Public Services

851 S. Eton, Birmingham, MI 48009

Direct Dial: 248.530.1702

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lauren Wood** <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 9:23 AM

Subject: Re: Concerns for Parks & Rec Board

To: Rackeline Hoff <rhoff@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Tom Markus <tmarkus@bhamgov.org>

Good Morning Racky,

I will most certainly share your concerns with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Just so you know, these same issues have been identified by the Administration as items to consider as part of this evaluation.

Thank you again for passing along your ideas. If you think of anything else, please let me know.

Yes, organized youth sports are back on our fields, effective yesterday. All groups are required to sign an acknowledgement of the most recent MDHHS interim guidance for athletics to resume play.

Have a great day!

Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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Communication/Discussion Item #2b

On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 10:47 PM Rackeline Hoff <rhoff@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Lauren, when the Parks and Rec Board discusses the possibility of creating a new park next to the Chesterfield Fire Station, please share my concerns re: the following:

1. Safety of locating playground for young children directly on Maple Road
2. Noise from Fire Dept. sirens and weather alerts (first Saturday of every month, March thru September)
3. Parking on neighborhood streets by park users
4. Space needed by fire department

Also, a question -- were the restrictions for organized sports lifted today so they can return to City parks?

Thanks,
Racky

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Thomas M. Markus, City Manager

FROM: Paul A. Wells, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Station 2 Park Consideration

The City of Birmingham's Fire Station 2 (previously known as the Chesterfield Fire Station) was rebuilt and opened in October 2018. The Station is situated on a lot of approximately 1.37 acres; half of which is developed. The eastern parcel of the property is an open field with some adult trees. Station 2 is staffed 24/7 with four personnel consisting of three Firefighter/Paramedics and one Lieutenant. These positions staff an advanced life support (ALS) engine and an ALS rescue.

With the possibly of having a park built on the eastern property I have some concerns and requests which I have listed below.

- The fire station can be a busy place with trucks leaving emergent and backing into the station after details or emergency calls. There is concern that a park located directly on the same parcel could lead to unattended children getting close to the emergency apparatus. Additionally, fire trucks do not have lockable doors or keys for the ignition. They are often unattended while fire fighters are inside getting supplies or training.
- Periodically, the fire crews flow the fire engine master streams onto the parcel in consideration. This is an annual requirement to test the fire pump and its capabilities. It is also done for training purposes throughout the year. The amount of water flowed is around 1,500 gallons per minute which can very quickly soak down the area. Hose streams from portable hand lines are also deployed during training into this area.
- The considered park is also close to a very busy roadway. I have concern for unattended children chasing balls into the street.
- With the ever increasing role of the modern firefighter and the possibility of potential unforeseen growth in the department, this property must always remain available to the Fire Department. Future needs may require expansion of the current Station 2, addition of a separate training facility, etc.
- Fire Station 2 also has one of Oakland County's emergency alert severe weather sirens located behind the station. This gets tested 8 times a year and will be extremely loud with its close proximity to the parcel in consideration.

- Station 2 is a secure building and often is not occupied when firefighters are on a detail or emergency call. There are no public restrooms at Station 2. Additionally, there is no access to tap into the Station's sewers or water supply on the east wall to have an outside bathroom for the park. I have concerns that there will be frequent requests to use the bathroom, creating issues due to the lack of public facilities at Station 2.

Birmingham City Commission Minutes

April 26, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

Meeting ID: 655 079 760

Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3470/videos/538949933/>

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pierre Boutros, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Alexandra Bingham, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Boutros (location: Birmingham, MI)
Mayor Pro Tem Longe (location: Birmingham, MI)
Commissioner Baller (location: Birmingham, MI)
Commissioner Hoff (location: Birmingham, MI)
Commissioner Host (location: Birmingham, MI)
Commissioner Nickita (location: Birmingham, MI)
Commissioner Sherman (location: Birmingham, MI)

Absent: None

Administration: City Manager Markus, City Clerk Bingham, Police Chief Clemence, City Planner Dupuis, City Attorney Kucharek, Planning Director Ecker, Finance Director Gerber, Interim HR Director/Assistant City Manager Hock, Building Official Johnson, City Attorney Kucharek, DPS Director Wood

III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation on Mental Health Awareness
- Proclamation on Gun Violence Awareness

APPOINTMENTS

04-115-21 Appointment of Larry Bertollini to the Architectural Review Committee

The Commission noted that Larry Bertollini was not able to attend the present meeting, but has been a member of the ARC since 2012.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:

though there may not be flexibility in the building's parameters on the applicant's part, the City must still either approve buildings that adhere to ordinance or grant variances from the ordinances.

Public Comment

Mr. Canvasser additionally asked the Commission to indicate when the agreements in the proposal would be re-addressed.

Commissioner Nickita said the Commission's regular consideration of the item over a number of months indicates its intention to try and work out a mutually beneficial agreement with the applicant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Nickita
 Mayor Pro Tem Longe
 Commissioner Host
 Mayor Boutros
 Commissioner Hoff
 Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Sherman

Nays, None

04-123-21 2021 Initial Screening for Bistro Applicants - Spring

PD Ecker reviewed the item. She noted that Maple & One would be pursuing a SLUP amendment instead of a bistro license.

Commissioner Sherman recommended The French Lady re-apply in Fall 2021 given that there were two other bistro reviews pending and one with a scheduled public hearing.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Hoff:
To take no action on the bistro application for The French Lady at this time.

In reply to Commissioner Nickita, PD Ecker concurred it would be useful to give the fall bistro applicants a 90-day time limit for submitting their documentation moving forward so that it was more clear how many bistro licenses might be available for the spring applicants.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
 Commissioner Hoff
 Commissioner Baller
 Mayor Pro Tem Longe
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Nickita
 Mayor Boutros

Nays, None

04-124-21 Chesterfield Fire Station - Park Designation

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Baller:
To refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review, discussion and recommended actions about designating a portion of the Chesterfield Fire Station property as a City Park and provide

formal park naming procedures. Further, to consider potential park site amenities and budget implications in order to undertake such endeavor, and to take into consideration the needs of the Chesterfield Fire Station.

Commissioner Hoff said she would send her list of concerns about this proposal to DPS Director Wood for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Nickita recommended that Parks and Recreation Board consider how this proposed park would fit within the City's system of parks overall.

Commissioner Baller expressed interest in Commissioner Hoff's concerns, said he concurred with Commissioner Nickita, and said that this item might be a good opportunity for the City to utilize the Bang the Table tool or other ways to facilitate collaboration on the discussion between the Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
 Commissioner Baller
 Mayor Pro Tem Longe
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Nickita
 Mayor Boutros
 Commissioner Hoff

Nays, None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

04-125-21 Unimproved Streets Policy Modifications

Consulting City Engineer Surhigh summarized the item. In reply to Commissioner Hoff, he stated that an expression of interest would be solicited from residents once the Engineering Department completes its unimproved streets rankings.

CM Markus added that the City would provide the residents of unimproved streets with an estimate of the approximate costs of improving their street. He said this process moves the City more towards initiating the process of improving streets versus only waiting for resident petitions as was done in the past. He also stated that assessments would occur as part of the process, and that it was unrealistic to imagine the City would be able to fund the entire process.

Commissioner Baller ventured that residents often care more about the condition of the street's surface than the condition of the water lines or sewers. Consequently, he recommended that the Engineering Department weigh the former criterion more heavily than the latter in its ranking system.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Nickita:
To follow up on the unimproved streets workshop in regards to unimproved street policy modifications.
(Complete resolution in agenda packet)

Mayor Pro Tem Longe said she was in support of the resolution as it would help clarify the likely costs and help inform future City policy on the matter.

Mayor Boutros commended Consulting City Engineer Surhigh for his work on the item.

CAPITAL PURCHASES AND IMPROVEMENTS

PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND #408													
Expenditures For Capital Outlay					Future Capital Outlay Requests					Impact of 2021/2022 Budget Request on Annual Operating Budgets Average Increase (Decrease) Per Year			
Account Number	Project Description Total Cost Funding Source	Budget 2020/2021	Estimate 2020/2021	Recommended 2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	Personnel Service Costs	Other Operating Costs	Debt Service Costs	Total
408-751.000-979.0000	Park Improvement Plan Adams Park Development Total Estimated Cost: \$700,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond			700,000						No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Pickleball Courts Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond			150,000						No impact			
408-751.000-979.0000	Booth Park Corner Feature Total Estimated Cost: \$450,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond				450,000					No impact		No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Rouge River Trail Corridor Improvements Total Estimated Cost: \$300,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond				100,000	200,000				No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Springdale Playground Total Estimated Cost: \$350,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond						350,000			No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Kenning Park - playground & field improvements Total Estimated Cost: \$1,200,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond						1,200,000			No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Poppleton Playground & Drainage Improvements Total Estimated Cost: \$1,020,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond							\$ 1,020,000		No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Lincoln Well & Pumphouse Playgrounds Total Estimated Cost: \$350,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond							\$ 350,000		No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Crestview Playground Total Estimated Cost: \$250,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond							\$ 250,000		No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Linden Park Playground Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond								\$ 150,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Pembroke Park Playground Total Estimated Cost: \$400,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond								\$ 400,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Howarth Playgrounds Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond								\$ 150,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-979.0000	Rouge River Trail Corridor Improvements Total Estimated Cost: \$450,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond								\$ 450,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
408-751.000-	St. James Howarth Playgrounds								\$ 300,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact

CAPITAL PURCHASES AND IMPROVEMENTS

PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND #408

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979.0000	Total Estimated Cost: \$450,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond												
408-751.000- 979.0000	Splash Pad Total Estimated Cost: \$500,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond								\$ 500,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
408-752.000- 977.0000	Ice Arena Restoration Ice Arena Building Improvements Total Estimated Cost: \$3,100,000 Funding Sources: Park Bond			3,100,000						No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,950,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,950,000	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact

Capital Projects Sub-Committee Progress Report

May 5, 2021

From: City of Birmingham Parks & Recreation Board Capital Projects Sub-Committee
(Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, John Rusche
Lauren Wood, Carrie Laird and Connie Folk)

To: Parks & Recreation Board

The fifth meeting of the sub-committee was on May 5, 2021.

We recognize that citizen engagement is particularly important as we move forward. We are looking for opportunities to place key decisions on the City Commission agenda, with time for the public to be made aware and participate.

Ice Arena Construction

1. We discussed progress to date. Demolition is in progress. Fencing will be erected May 6. It will enclose entire front parking area as well as the back of the arena. Ball players will enter on east side near skate park. Carrie showed a few photos. The ice arena website (<https://tinyurl.com/yar2xddj>) will be updated with progress reports.

Adams Park

2. City staff met with representatives from neighborhood associations: Birmingham Estates and South Poppleton. They are happy and excited. They had suggestions such as enlarging the play area in the southwest corner and reconfigure some of the Roeper School use on the north side. Roeper School likes the plan and will participate with the cost. Michael J. Dul & Associates will revise the concept plan and bring it back to the associations and Roeper. Then to the P&R Board by late summer. City Commission approval September/October. Then bidding and contractor selection with construction beginning in May or June 2022 in coordination with Roeper.

ENGAGE Birmingham (powered by Bang the Table software)

3. On April 29, Birmingham launched Engage Birmingham (engage.bhamgov.org), a new online engagement platform designed to encourage public input. The first use is a survey to prioritize five potential pickleball locations. The survey includes the question "Tell us why your top choice is the best location for Pickleball Courts." This could allow participants to suggest different locations. We agreed that we need a better understanding of to whom the survey was distributed. As of May 5, there were 39 surveys completed. The completion deadline is May 31.

Pickleball

4. At the May 11 P&R Board meeting we will ask for public input regarding pickleball. Carrie will share a PowerPoint. This is an opportunity to discuss pickleball with the public, not to make decisions. Ultimately there are many factors that will influence a final decision such as, shovel ready, parking, proximity to residences. Also, should we convert some tennis courts or create new pickleball courts? This will entail analysis of reservations. In 2020 there were 2,011 reservations. When we think we have potential locations we should consider posting "public notice" signage at the courts to gather more public opinions. We should have a recommendation for the City Commission by late summer. This should include research on the popularity of pickleball. Given the desire for significant citizen input it is likely the courts will be ready in summer 2022.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2021

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/20 TO 6/30/21

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020-21	ACTIVITY FOR		ACTIVITY FOR		AVAILABLE	% BDGT
		AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 03/31/2021	MONTH 03/31/21	YTD BALANCE 03/31/2020	MONTH 03/31/20		
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND								
Revenues								
Dept 000.000								
101-000.000-639.0001	CLASSES	120,000.00	39,050.00	182.50	117,883.41	15,243.00	80,950.00	32.54
101-000.000-646.0001	ADULT OPEN SKATE FEES	18,000.00	1,270.50	534.00	13,775.65	2,959.00	16,729.50	7.06
101-000.000-646.0002	CHILDREN OPEN SKATE FEES	17,000.00	306.50	214.50	14,092.48	3,352.50	16,693.50	1.80
101-000.000-646.0003	MAIN ARENA RENTAL	410,000.00	200,917.70	85,202.90	297,513.40	46,542.65	209,082.30	49.00
101-000.000-646.0004	STUDIO ARENA RENTAL	14,000.00	4,620.71	1,292.00	8,421.00	1,668.50	9,379.29	33.01
101-000.000-646.0005	SHOW & ADMISSIONS	39,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,825.00	1,825.00	39,000.00	0.00
101-000.000-646.0006	SKATE RENTAL	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,056.74	2,061.42	9,000.00	0.00
101-000.000-646.0007	CONCESSION SALES	40,000.00	113.21	0.00	26,627.51	5,443.31	39,886.79	0.28
101-000.000-646.0008	COIN LOCKERS	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
101-000.000-646.0010	VENDING	600.00	61.07	0.00	397.74	67.32	538.93	10.18
101-000.000-646.0011	ADVERTISING	6,700.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	6,700.00	0.00
101-000.000-646.0012	PRO SHOP LEASE FEES	4,000.00	1,200.00	800.00	2,400.00	400.00	2,800.00	30.00
101-000.000-646.0013	SKATE SHARPENING	0.00	85.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	(85.00)	100.00
Total Dept 000.000		678,600.00	247,624.69	88,265.90	524,492.93	84,062.70	430,975.31	36.49
TOTAL REVENUES		678,600.00	247,624.69	88,265.90	524,492.93	84,062.70	430,975.31	36.49
Expenditures								
Dept 752.000 - ICE SPORTS ARENA								
101-752.000-702.0001	SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	200,850.00	111,698.74	16,799.66	158,280.57	19,359.97	89,151.26	55.61
101-752.000-702.0002	OVERTIME PAY	6,900.00	3,932.54	707.11	7,164.24	587.42	2,967.46	56.99
101-752.000-702.0003	LONGEVITY	1,770.00	1,491.49	0.00	1,491.49	0.00	278.51	84.26
101-752.000-702.0004	HOLIDAY PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-706.0000	LABOR BURDEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-706.0001	FICA	16,120.00	8,864.29	1,324.47	12,667.77	1,515.23	7,255.71	54.99
101-752.000-706.0002	HOSPITALIZATION	32,320.00	14,682.53	1,662.24	17,929.35	1,805.58	17,637.47	45.43
101-752.000-706.0003	LIFE INSURANCE	410.00	202.98	23.03	205.52	21.35	207.02	49.51
101-752.000-706.0004	RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	17,990.00	14,138.91	1,559.34	14,251.56	1,545.52	3,851.09	78.59
101-752.000-706.0005	DENTAL/OPTICAL	1,520.00	726.55	80.68	997.10	102.93	793.45	47.80
101-752.000-706.0006	LT/ST DISABILITY	990.00	475.83	54.86	498.00	50.52	514.17	48.06
101-752.000-706.0007	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	3,090.00	1,278.26	205.45	2,068.42	248.93	1,811.74	41.37
101-752.000-706.0008	SICK TIME PAYOUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-706.0009	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-706.0010	RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTB	10,110.00	7,219.44	802.16	12,898.17	1,368.82	2,890.56	71.41
101-752.000-706.0011	HRA BENEFIT	170.00	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	(25.00)	114.71
101-752.000-706.0012	RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	2,680.00	416.64	72.01	566.25	45.53	2,263.36	15.55
101-752.000-706.0013	RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	1,870.00	533.72	68.37	577.20	56.69	1,336.28	28.54
101-752.000-729.0000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	19,000.00	19,619.60	1,541.17	19,068.94	3,264.79	(619.60)	103.26
101-752.000-740.0000	FOOD & BEVERAGE	30,000.00	48.53	0.00	27,011.67	2,818.20	29,951.47	0.16
101-752.000-799.0000	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-811.0000	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	30,000.00	22,574.39	876.50	33,293.91	210.00	7,425.61	75.25
101-752.000-818.0100	INSTRUCTORS	45,000.00	8,804.36	2,870.25	43,017.25	10,697.00	36,195.64	19.57
101-752.000-851.0000	TELEPHONE	6,000.00	9,141.88	1,245.69	6,027.64	811.79	(3,141.88)	152.36
101-752.000-901.0000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	4,000.00	659.47	84.08	1,654.44	96.00	3,340.53	16.49
101-752.000-920.0000	ELECTRIC UTILITY	110,000.00	76,483.86	12,593.97	79,233.86	9,098.54	33,516.14	69.53
101-752.000-921.0000	GAS UTILITY CHARGES	40,000.00	20,458.31	3,684.17	25,058.28	4,545.97	19,541.69	51.15
101-752.000-922.0000	WATER UTILITY	25,000.00	10,281.13	0.00	16,662.23	0.00	14,718.87	41.12
101-752.000-930.0300	ICE SHOW EXPENSE	46,422.00	55.00	0.00	15,718.14	3,004.73	46,367.00	0.12
101-752.000-930.0500	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	30,000.00	9,513.98	0.00	5,900.00	0.00	20,486.02	31.71
101-752.000-933.0200	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-941.0000	EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	35,000.00	26,385.94	2,925.81	22,679.40	2,500.00	8,614.06	75.39

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2021

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/20 TO 6/30/21

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020-21	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	AVAILABLE	% BDGT
		AMENDED BUDGET	03/31/2021	MONTH 03/31/21	03/31/2020	MONTH 03/31/20		
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND								
Expenditures								
101-752.000-971.0100	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-977.0000	BUILDINGS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-752.000-999.4010	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 752.000 - ICE SPORTS ARENA		717,212.00	369,883.37	49,376.02	524,921.40	63,755.51	347,328.63	51.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		717,212.00	369,883.37	49,376.02	524,921.40	63,755.51	347,328.63	51.57
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:								
TOTAL REVENUES		678,600.00	247,624.69	88,265.90	524,492.93	84,062.70	430,975.31	36.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		717,212.00	369,883.37	49,376.02	524,921.40	63,755.51	347,328.63	51.57
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(38,612.00)	(122,258.68)	38,889.88	(428.47)	20,307.19	83,646.68	316.63



Contact:
Marianne Gamboa
City of Birmingham
(248) 530-1812

For Immediate Release

Birmingham Launches New Online Engagement Platform for Community Input

BIRMINGHAM, MI, April 29, 2021 – The City of Birmingham has launched Engage Birmingham, a new online engagement platform as part of an ongoing effort to encourage public input. The platform, accessible at engage.bhamgov.org, features a variety of tools including discussion forums, polls, idea boards and surveys.

Engage Birmingham offers residents, community members and stakeholders a convenient way to participate in the municipal decision-making process. The City of Birmingham will use the new platform to share information and plans, answer questions and gather feedback on many of its projects and initiatives.



Powered by global industry-leader Bang the Table's Engagement HQ software, Engage Birmingham is an interactive, user-friendly site that provides users an easy way to participate – when and where they choose.

“Collaboration with the community is an important piece of our decision-making process and we are proud to offer Engage Birmingham as another tool to engage the public,” said Melissa Fairbairn, Assistant to the City Manager.

The community is encouraged to visit engage.bhamgov.org to register and view engagement opportunities. Once registered, visitors can participate in a survey regarding how they currently engage with the City of Birmingham as well as provide input on two projects: Naming the City Newsletter and Pickleball Court Locations. The platform will soon feature additional projects and engagement opportunities.

“Community input is critical to ensure that we are making decisions and using our resources to benefit everyone in the community. Engage Birmingham offers a convenient way for the community to share their voice,” said Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services. “The Public Services department is excited for this new platform as a way to receive input on various parks bond related projects.”

For more information and to share feedback, visit engage.bhamgov.org.

City of Birmingham – A Walkable Community. Visit the city's web site at www.bhamgov.org.

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Article II, Section 78

Objectives: The Parks and Recreation Board shall promote a recreation program and a park development program for the City. The Board shall recommend to the city commission for adoption such rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct and use of parks and public grounds as are necessary to administer the same and to protect public property and the safety, health, morals, and welfare of the public.

Seven regular members, Three-year Terms, Appointed by the City Commission

Two alternate members, Three-year Terms, Appointed by the City Commission

Members must be electors of the City of Birmingham

Meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Last Name	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Carmona	Heather	(248) 867-1346	3/12/2018	3/13/2024
887 Lakeview Ave.			Registered Voter	
<i>htcarmona@sbcglobal.net</i>				
Carrel	R.J		2/22/2021	12/31/2021
Groves High School			Student Representative	
Chapnick	Alison		2/22/2021	12/31/2021
Groves High School			Student Representative	
Collins	Susan	(248) 761-6873	3/9/2020	3/13/2024
958 Pleasant			Registered Voter	
<i>sbdcollins@comcast.net</i>				

Last Name Home Address	First Name	Home Business E-Mail	Appointed	Term Expires
Graham 884 Knox	Pam	(248) 408-6277 <i>pamcracker@gmail.com</i>	1/13/2020 Registered Voter	3/13/2023
Kaplan 635 Oak	Ross	(248) 645-6526 <i>rkaplan@neumannsmith.com</i>	10/22/2007 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2023
LaBelle 1394 Westwood Dr.	Jeffrey	(312) 835-9287 <i>labejef@gmail.com</i>	3/9/2020 Alternate	3/13/2023
Lipp 2682 Buckingham	Anne	(248) 225-0136 <i>aecubera@gmail.com</i>	11/23/2020 Alternate	3/13/2022
Noble 1160 Lake Park Dr.	Eleanor	(248) 417-7777 <i>elliecnoble@hotmail.com</i>	7/10/2017 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2023
Pulis 824 Wimbledon Dr.	Dominick	(586) 381-5831 <i>dompulis@hotmail.com</i>	3/25/2019 Registered Voter in Birmingham	3/13/2022

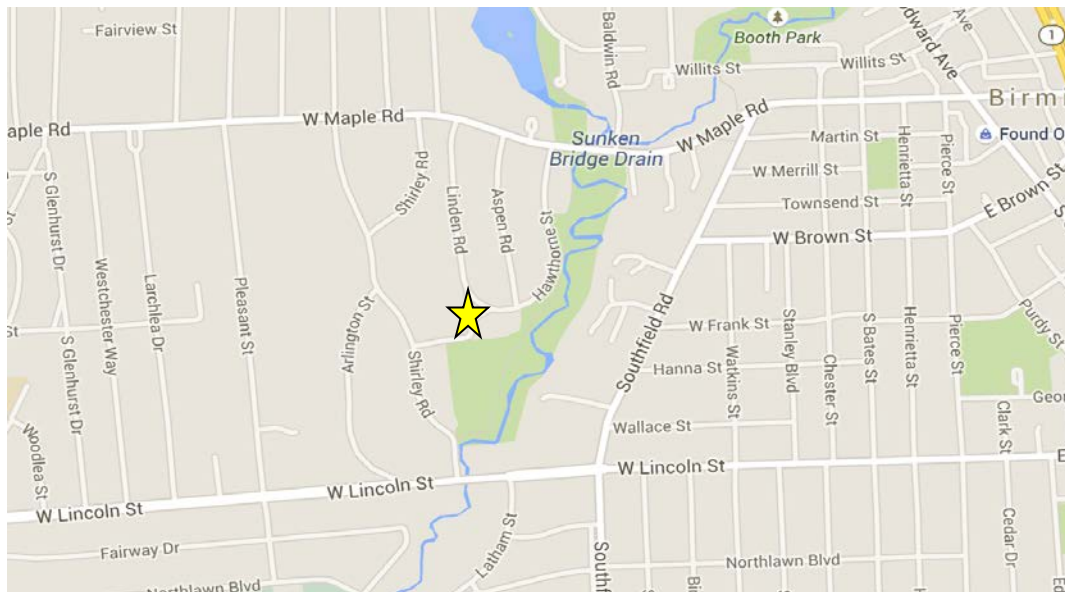
Last Name	First Name	Home Business	Appointed	Term Expires
Home Address		E-Mail		
Rusche	John	(248) 731-7068	9/6/2018	3/13/2024
358 Henley St.		(248) 219-8114	Registered Voter in Birmingham (was Alt)	
		<i>jprusche@aol.com</i>		
Sayers	Kyle		2/22/2021	12/31/2021
Seaholm High School			Student Representative	



Linden Park
Saturday, May 15, 2021
9:00 am – to noon
Registration begins at 8:30 am

This year's activities:

- Removal of Invasive Species.



Recommended items to wear & bring:

- Boots or sturdy shoes
- Long pants & long-sleeve shirt
- Masks are suggested
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Volunteers should dress according to prevailing weather conditions.

Mosquito repellent, gloves and bags will be provided.

Volunteers Needed

Community, churches, schools, environmental groups, scout troops and neighborhood associations are invited to help remove invasive species along the Rouge River.

***Anyone who wishes to volunteer is asked to call
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator at (248) 530-1642.***



2021 Garlic Mustard Pull – A – Thon Sunday, May 16th 1:00 pm -3:00 pm



Garlic Mustard
Invasive

Virginia Bluebell
Non-invasive

Pulling together to protect the Quarton Lake ecosystem from this noxious and invasive weed.



Community, churches, schools, environmental groups, scout troops and neighborhood associations are invited to help remove invasive species along Quarton Lake.

Registering will take place: Pine and Lake Park



Recommended Items To Wear & Bring:

- Boots or sturdy shoes
- Volunteers should dress according to prevailing weather conditions.
- Gloves
- Masks are suggested
- Bags will be provided

***Anyone who wishes to volunteer is asked to call
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator at
(248) 530-1642, no later than Thursday, May 13, 2021***



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Welcome, suggestions

Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 7:55 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please place this email communication on the next Parks Board meeting agenda.

Thanks,
Lauren

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tom Markus** <tmarkus@bhamgov.org>

Date: Wed, Apr 14, 2021, 7:35 AM

Subject: Fwd: Welcome, suggestions

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, Jana Ecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nickoloff Steve <senickoloff@aol.com>**Date:** April 13, 2021 at 8:59:31 PM EDT**To:** Tom Markus <tmarkus@bhamgov.org>**Subject: Re: Welcome, suggestions**

Tom thank you for your thoughtful, detailed response, and good to know you were already thinking in terms of that bridge At Linn. I understand there are complexities. Also hadn't thought of the other to Booth but that sounds like a terrific idea as well. I truly believe that connectivity of our parks is totally crucial.

If there is anything I can do to further encourage both these projects, and similar ones, please let me know.

Best, Steve

Steven E. Nickoloff, M.D.*Psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and general adult psychiatry*

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On Apr 4, 2021, at 7:29 PM, Tom Markus <tmarkus@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Steve: Thanks for your welcome and your comments on connectivity. I have copied members of the city staff with the intention of having them copy our Parks and Recreation Board and our Multimodal Board where I would hope they would incorporate your thoughts into our future plans. I would point out that I had previously looked at a river crossing at Linn and Linden park. This crossing while very desirable is not a simple effort due to the terrain and the elevation changes as well as requirements to meet ADA and flood plain requirements. There has also been discussion to make another crossing behind the North Old Woodward deck to Booth Park. Having our boards review these suggestions and having them make recommendations to include them in our capital improvements program would go a long way to eventually seeing these improvements accomplishments. Knowing we have citizens who support these improvements is most gratifying. Thanks again for your comments and suggestions. Nothing worth doing is easy so please stay involved and continue to encourage making our community even greater. Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2021, at 1:49 PM, Nickoloff Steve <senickolof@aol.com> wrote:

Mr Markus:

Welcome back to our community!

Writing here as a long time resident and business owner with a few suggestions that have been percolating for a while:

Linn Park: Never used! But could be! Just needs a simple walk bridge over the river to Linden Park, would add so much. Like at the Waterfall but needn't be nearly so fancy! Opens the thing up for the whole Hannah/Wallace/Frank neighborhood. Connectivity, right?!

Bike routes on streets: We absolutely, positively, can do better.

Pedestrian crosswalk on Maple at the Waterfall: Thank you , thank you! Connectivity, right?!

Triangle District: Great that you are focusing on redevelopment but let's face it, if the cars on Woodward keep roaring by at 65mph NO ONE is going to cross. It's like a river without a bridge. I know you have to coordinate this with MDoT but if you can't make crossing more pedestrian safe and friendly Triangle is never going to be what it could be. Connectivity needed!

Thanks for listening :) Steve

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Metro Detroit

Parks in Mt. Clemens and Rochester Hills to be enhanced with new water features and playgrounds

MJ GALBRAITH | THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021



Innovation Hills Playground is designed to “provide a playground for children with disabilities to play alongside their neuro-typical peers.”

MEDC

A pair of placemaking projects in Mt. Clemens and Rochester Hills look to improve play and recreation opportunities in each of the metro Detroit communities.

Each of the projects have been included in the Public Spaces Community Places placemaking initiative from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a program that offers the projects significant matching grants upon the successful completion of their respective crowdfunding campaigns.

The crowdfunding campaigns are being hosted on the Michigan-based Patronicity platform.



Cascade in the Shade, Mt. Clemens

What it is: Advancing Macomb seeks to enhance Shadyside Park in Mt. Clemens with a 1,400 sq. ft. interactive water fountain and splash pad, and public art projects.

What they're saying: "Cascade in the Shade, a community-designed interactive water fountain with colorful murals, will inspire play and increase access to recreation for families in Shadyside Park, an underutilized public space in Mount Clemens," says Diane Banks, Executive Director of Advancing Macomb. "Although we have been awarded a Play Everywhere Design Challenge grant through the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and KABOOM!, we still need to raise additional funds for the project. The Public Spaces Community Places matching grant program is essential in helping us fill the funding gap to make this project a reality."

What they need: Cascade in the Shade has until Friday, April 30, to successfully raise \$40,000. They'll receive a \$40,000 matching grant from the MEDC, should their crowdfunding campaign prove successful.

Innovation Hills Playground, Rochester Hills

What it is: The City of Rochester Hills seeks to add an inclusive playground to its Innovation Hills park project. The three-acre playground will incorporate natural wood, stone, and water elements into play opportunities designed to “provide a playground for children with disabilities to play alongside their neuro-typical peers.”

What they’re saying: “We are thrilled to have this chance to not only engage the community, but also double their dollars through this crowdfunding campaign,” says Mayor Brian Barnett. “We look forward to bringing this incredible vision to life this summer.”

What they need: Innovation Hills Playground has until Monday, May 31, to successfully raise \$50,000. They’ll receive a \$50,000 matching grant from the MEDC, should their crowdfunding campaign prove successful.

Got a development news story to share? Email MJ Galbraith here or send him a tweet @mikegalbraith.

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MJ Galbraith is a writer and musician living in Detroit. Follow him on Twitter @mikegalbraith.

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