

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 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
Ross Kaplan
Ellie Noble (location: Beulah, MI)
Dominick Pulis
John Rusche

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

R.J. Carrel, Groves High School (location: Birmingham, MI)

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Alison Chapnick Groves High School
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

PRESENTER:

Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President Plante Moran

GUESTS:

Anne Lipp, Cindy Rose and David Young

It was moved by Pulis, seconded by Kaplan to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

ROLE CALL VOTE:

Ayes,

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

Nays,

None

AGENDA ITEM #1: Chesterfield Fire Station #2 Open Space and renaming Recommendation

RC Folk stated to the Parks and Recreation Board the City Commission had asked the Parks and Recreation Board to explore an opportunity to create a safe, pleasant and inviting space for recreation and relaxation.

RC Folk stated that at the August 11, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting Kate Bongiorno who at the time was a Birmingham **resident** presented a proposal for a playground in the Quanton Lake Neighborhood next to Fire Station #2, located on Maple Rd. and Chesterfield Rd. Kate stated it would be a park with all-inclusive playground structure, benches, picnic tables and a gazebo that would provide opportunities to the community for recreation activities.

RC Folk showed the Chesterfield open space area next to fire station #2 which is approximately .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 located north of West Maple, west of Fairfax. Additional pictures were shown of the front of Chesterfield Fire Station that showed (2) donation benches.

RC Folk suggested a sitting area with new landscaping, Little Library, and play equipment for younger children.

Pulis asked if the proposal is consistent with the recommendation of the FC Wells, since Pulis had recalled the fire department had infrequent but active uses for the proposed open space next to the fire station.

DDPS Wood stated that the intention for bringing the proposal to the Parks and Recreation Board was the concurrence to proceed with a concept plan. A local architect would work with the neighborhood and the issues regarding the use of the property with the fire department will be resolved during the development of the concept plan. Wood stated a fence would be erected as well.

Collins stated that Maple is very congested and a very difficult intersection.

PM Laird stated that the fence location has not been determined and the project is very preliminary and that administration would like to pursue the concept plan which would also include the location of a fence. PM Laird stated in her opinion the fence should run east and west to keep children away from Maple, but again the fence has not been determined at this time.

Kaplan stated that the architect will determine the location of the fence based on safety standards.

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Noble asked where the funding would come from and also how large would the proposed park be?

Carmona stated the cost estimates and the scale of the property would be determined after a concept plan is developed and donations could be accepted.

DDPS Wood stated this request was in front of the City Commission and was driven by a City Commissioner with regard to the vacant property at the corner of the fire station.

DDPS Wood stated that administration is sequencing this in the midst of other projects of course with park bond dollars, but DDPS Wood stated she does not see this project needing park bond dollars at this time but was hopeful like all the other projects in the works administration would start with concept plan which then would dictate what equipment could be used at the location.

DDPS Wood stated the project was introduced by the neighborhood, and now administration is looking at it and hoping to have a local architect develop a concept plan gratis so to keep the costs down and to budget for this project. DDPS Wood also stated that the City Commission deferred this project to the Parks and Recreation Board earlier this year.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Graham to approve the administration's request to have conceptual drawings with costs showing the proposed sitting area with new landscaping, Little Library, and play equipment for younger children for the Chesterfield open space area next to fire station #2 which is approximately .5 acre and a continuous part of fire station #2 located north of West Maple, west of Fairfax and could include future naming rights with final approval from the City Commission.

Ayes,

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

Nays,

None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Construction Update

Stempien shared with the Parks and Recreation Board photos of the piping that was installed in the main ice arena, pouring of the concrete for the main arena which was a continuous all day pour, lobby renovation, installation of the new transformer, installation of masonry for the new conference room and locker rooms, mechanical room renovation and zamboni room expansion.

Stempien continued sharing the photos of the installation of duct work for heating and cooling in the main arena.

Rusche commended the administration and Stempien for a job well done.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 Pickleball Update (verbal)

PM Laird stated there are five potential locations and staff has engaged the services of Foresite Design Inc. located in Berkley, Michigan that specializes in design of recreational athletic fields which includes pickleball, tennis courts, ball fields, soccer fields and football fields.

PM Laird stated that Foresite Design Inc. is currently conducting site evaluations of the five potential locations that were discussed.

The five locations are:

- North east corner of Lincoln and Eton, which is Kenning Park
- St. James Park
- Poppleton Park
- West Lincoln Well Site
- Crestview Park

PM Laird stated that Foresite will be conducting an evaluation and summary of the proposed five sites and report back to administration. This should narrow down our options and then administration will return back to the Parks and Recreation Board at a future meeting with an update. In addition administration will be gathering more feedback on Engage Birmingham and placing signs at the five proposed locations directing the users to Engage Birmingham and at a future Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Adams Park Update (verbal)

DDPS Wood stated that the Parks and Recreation Board will be provided a revised Adams Park. The revision from the 2016 concept plan will be maximizing the open space area, a play area, sitting area, an adult area, and track items for Roeper School.

The revised concept plan will be reviewed with Roeper School then will be shown to the Parks and Recreation Board.

DDPS Wood stated that there will be a cost estimate for the revised concept plan and administration would use Engage Birmingham with the plan and potential visual presentation of which will be seen at the September Parks and Recreation Board as well.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

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

DDPS Wood provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course finance report dated June, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

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

DDPS Wood provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report dated August 4, 2021.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Bills aim to save state's pollinators by banning new pesticides on public land, C & G Newspapers, published June 8, 2021

RC Folk provided an article to the Parks and Recreation Board a newspaper article.

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, September 14, 2001 at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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