

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Carmona
Sarah Kupczyk
Anne Lipp
Jessica Einstein
Joseph Wrobel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan Collins
Pam Graham
Steve Sweeney

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Ella Bassett, Orchard Lake St. Mary's
Preparatory School

ADMINISTRATION:

Scott D. Zielinski, Director DPS
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities
Superintendent
Brendan McGaughey, Parks and Forestry
Foreman
Leah Blizinski, City Planner
Brad McNab, Parks and Recreation Assistant
Foreman
Andrea Swanson, DPS Office Coordinator

PRESENTERS:

Sue Grissim, Grissim, Metz, Andriese Associates
(GMA), David Peterhans and Jim Surhigh, HRC

GUESTS:

Pam Graham, John Miller, L. Orlans, G. Padilla

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS & CHAIRPERSON
COMMENTS:**

1. DPS Open House
2. Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Ice Show
3. Rouge River Clean-Up
4. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update

DPS Director Zielinski updated the Parks and Recreation Board on the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC). They are in the process of performing the needs assessment of the facility.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No items presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Lipp, seconded by Kupczyk, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 2, 2024 regular meeting as submitted.

Ayes,

Heather Carmona, Sarah Kupczyk, Anne Lipp,
Jessica Einstein and Joseph Wrobel

Nays,

None

Absent,

Susan Collins, Pam Graham and
Steve Sweeney

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No items presented

New Business #1: Booth Park Entry Plaza & Trail Improvements Public Input Session

Chair Carmona introduced the item, Public Input Session and introduced the presenters Sue Grissim, David Peterhans and Jim Surhigh to review preliminary plans for feedback.

Sue Grissim shared with the Parks and Recreation Board that there is a donor interested in a bench donation for Booth Park as part of the design concept of Booth Park.

Jim Surhigh, HRC went through with the board the topography of Booth Park which includes an outline of different components of floodplains, sanitary drain easements, and the CSO drain easement.

Surhigh stated that it would be advisable to let Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (OCWRC) review the plans during the design phase in the event they have any objections to what is being proposed in the easement areas. There would then be an opportunity to address their concerns before construction occurs. Construction of a permanent structure, such as the restroom building, was likely not anticipated at the time the easements were granted, and OCWRC may have some objection to that type of use within the easement.

Grissim reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Board tree locations, bench locations, new plantings, possible art installations and the location of the restroom.

Grissim reviewed the different types of surfaces that maybe used in the park.

David Peterhans showed different drawings of restrooms for Booth Park both prefabricated and custom designs.

Peterhans showed the concept plan of the area for the possible donor. The concept includes butterfly benches and plantings with a walkway leading to the butterfly benches.

Grissim showed different types of picnic tables and benches for Booth Park.

Linda Orlans stated that she appreciates all the hard work on the design of Booth Park. Linda does not want to change the tenor of the park and would like Booth Park to remain as an open area.

PM Laird shared with the Parks and Recreation Board a Booth Park Entry Plaza and Trail Improvements Project Survey for comments and changes that will be posted on Engage Birmingham through May 31, 2024.

New Business #2: Poppleton Park Multi-Use Courts

PM Laird stated the Department of Public Services budgeted for, bid out and awarded a project of crack repair and painting of the tennis courts at West Lincoln Well to be completed this fiscal year (2023-2024). In addition, DPS requested a quote from Goddard Coatings, the awarded contractor, for the painting of light blue Pickleball Lines at Poppleton Park on top of the tennis courts.

It was moved by Einstein, seconded by Lipp, to adopt a resolution to have pickleball lines added to the courts at Poppleton Park to make them multi-use.

Ayes,

Heather Carmona, Sarah Kupczyk, Anne Lipp,
Jessica Einstein and Joseph Wrobel

**Nays,
Absent,**

None
Susan Collins, Pam Graham and
Steve Sweeney

Anne Lipp left the meeting at 8:30pm

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

DPS Director Zielinski stated he would bring some complaints about the Crestview pickleball and he would provide to the Parks and Recreation Board.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

The Birmingham Plan 2040-Summary of Key notes was provided to the Parks and recreation Board.

CP Blizinski stated that the report will be provided at a City Commission meeting sometime in June, 2024.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2024

No Items Suggested

Chair Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm, at 851 South Eton.

Chair Carmona adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

Connie J. Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent