

City of Birmingham
Parks And Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024
851 South Eton

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Members Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Sarah Kupczyk, and Anne Lipp

Absent: Board Members Jessica Einstein, Steve Sweeney and Student Representative Ella Bassett

Staff: Department of Public Services Director Zielinski; City Planner Blizinski, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent Folk, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Parks And Recreation Assistant Foreman McNab

Guests: Narlu Castellano and Joseph Wrobel

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS & CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

1. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update

Ms. Graham and DPSD Zielinski provided the update and answered informational questions from the Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Collins to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting as amended.

Motion carried, 5-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Collins, Graham, Lipp, Carmona, Kupczyk

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

1. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application-Revised Resolution

PRM Laird and DPSD Zielinski presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

The public was informed at the September 9, 2024 City Commission meeting that there would be opportunity to provide comment on this item at the present Parks and Recreation meeting. No public was present to provide comment.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Kupczyk to forward the attached resolution, updated with a current cost estimate and adjusted grant request, to the City Commission for their authorization of approval to submit to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant.

Motion carried, 5-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Collins, Graham, Lipp, Carmona, Kupczyk

Nays: None

2. 2025 Parks and Recreation Board Schedule

Board member comments were as follows:

- The July 1, 2025 meeting should be moved to July 8, 2025 and the September 2, 2025 meeting should be moved to September 9, 2025, barring any conflict, in order to minimize potential conflict with holiday schedules.
- If necessary, it would be possible to cancel a meeting closer to the meeting date if a lack of agenda items or a lack of quorum is anticipated.
- There may be a bond vote in 2025 for the senior/community center, which may fall on one of the same Tuesdays as a Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Kupczyk to approve the 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting dates with the changes to July 8 and September 9.

Motion carried, 5-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Collins, Graham, Lipp, Carmona, Kupczyk

Nays: None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Communications may be found in the evening's agenda packet.

STAFF REPORTS
ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Staff answered brief informational questions about the next meeting's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

approve