John Meehan chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Meehan, Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dominick Pulis and Hannah Gould, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Dorothy Conrad, Cindy Rose and David Young

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht, that the minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 6 (John Meehan, Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)
Nays – 0

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Golf Rates-City Employees

Lauren stated that this was an item that was spoken about at last month’s meeting and that she had spoken with Tim Currier, City Attorney. Tim stated that this request was different then the complimentary golf issue that came up a few years ago.

Lauren stated that if it was perused the item would be taken to the Ethics Board for review.

Lauren stated at this time no action is needed and that is just an update from last month’s meeting.

Bill stated City employees can purchase a pass and make tee times like all other pass holders.
COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1– Field Maintenance Schedule Update

Lauren stated this is in response to Ross’s inquiry at the April meeting. Carrie Laird put together a nice detailed report on past and future resting of parks and fields.

Lauren stated that possibly the next park and field that will be rested might be St. James, but it dependent on ground conditions.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 – Upcoming Project Updates

Lauren stated there are several projects in the works. Lauren briefly reviewed each project.

David Young asked what the update was on the shade structures for Barnum Park.

Lauren stated there were no installation date scheduled yet for the shade structures.

David asked Lauren about the eight trees that were installed by the sanctuary and asked if she was comfortable about the effective irrigation program to safe guard them against stress.

Lauren stated that she would look into the trees being watered.

Cindy Rose stated that the trees that were transplanted last fall at Barnum Park should also be looked at.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – 2013 City of Birmingham DPS Open House

The flyer for the Open House was distributed. No action was required by the board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 – 2013 City of Birmingham Ice Show

The flyer for the Ice Show was distributed. No action was required by the Board.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS-
Cindy Rose asked if putting a foot bridge between Linden Park and Linn Smith Park is still on the radar.

Lauren stated that definitely incorporating a bridge connecting Linn Smith Park and Linden Park is on the radar. Lauren stated that it would be discussed during future Trail Master Plan Sub-Committee meetings.

Lauren stated that in the MC Smith Trail Mater Plan there are several bridges shown. Monies were allocated in the budget request for the upcoming budget but a cost has not been determined.

Dorothy Conrad asked the board what their understanding was on the amount of money that is unused in the Recreation Bond.

Lauren stated she would have to find out the amount and would share it at the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-

John stated that the tulips around the City of Birmingham look beautiful and to share the compliment with staff.

Lauren handed out an informational flyer on future planning meetings for Woodward Avenue.

John stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator