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Memorandum

May 9, 2017

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett
P & R Superintendent

RE: May Board Meeting

Please find the packet for the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Hills City Hall executive conference room (1032 Montgomery Hwy).

The packet includes the following:

- Agenda for regular meeting on 5/16/2017
- Minutes from regular meeting on 3/21/2017
- Minutes from work session on 4/13/2017
- Miscellaneous Reports

Please let BJ know if you won't be in attendance.

CC: Parks and Recreation Staff Members



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2017

ASHLEY CURRY
MAYOR

JASON BURNETT
SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of March 21, 2017 minutes.
4. Approval of April 13, 2017 work session minutes.
5. Parks & Recreation Superintendent's Report – Jason Burnett
6. Mayor's Report – Ashley Curry
7. Public Services Director's Report – Brian Davis
8. Old Business – None
9. New Business – VHPR Facility Prices
Park Board By-Law changes
10. VHPR Foundation Report – Leigh Belcher
11. Pool Report – Phillip Wood (BSL)
12. Concession Report – Trent Turner

13. League Reports

Baseball – Bill Morrison	Seniors – Julie Harper
Basketball – Jackson Bryant (boys), Patrick Osborne (girls)	Soccer – Rocky Harmon Let's Play Vestavia – Rocky Harmon
Cheerleading – Mindy Tarrant	Softball – Lyles Box
Football – Mitch Bevill (Flag), Mark Sasser (OTM), Dan McMurray (JSYFL)	Swimming – Monica Carroll
Lacrosse – Rachel Harwell	Wrestling – Scott Nailen

14. Upcoming meetings –

- a. Next work session will be on _____ @ 11:30 a.m. at _____.
- b. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 a.m

15. Adjournment



**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

ASHLEY C. CURRY
MAYOR

BRIAN C. DAVIS
DIRECTOR

CHRISTOPHER BRADY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

March 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, March 21st, President David Myers called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	David Myers, President Earl Lawson, Vice-President Tommy Coggin Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	Kirk McCulley
Mayor Ashley Curry	Present
Council Representative Paul Head	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Jason Burnett, Superintendent Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services Julie Harper, Civic Activities Coordinator
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Tommy Coggin

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the January 17th regular meeting minutes. Earl Lawson made a motion to approve the January 17th regular meeting minutes. Tommy Coggin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10TH WORK SESSION MINUTES

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the February 10th work session minutes. Tommy Coggin made a motion to approve the February 10th work session minutes. Earl Lawson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Jason attended the state all-star basketball tournament and we had two girls' teams win it all in 9U and 10U. First time ever, we have had more than one champ in the same year.
- Working with a couple who have applied for our Legacy Tree Program to have a tree planted in memory of their son. It will be a willow oak planted along the sidewalk adjacent to Little Shades Creek.

- We put together a litter cleanup day in conjunction with KVHB on March 11. Pickup spots were at Hwy 31 city entrance and on Cahaba Heights Road near I-459.
- The LVH and Barons baseball clinic is coming back to Wald Park after two years of being at Regions Field. It's the annual baseball clinic for special needs athletes. That will be on April 25 at 11am.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Curry expressed his admiration of the condition of the ball fields and how STS has done a great job in making them look so good as well as all of the volunteers who have worked with them. President Myers agreed with the Mayor that STS and our volunteers have done a tremendous job in working together.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

From Brian Davis,

- Our litter cleanup generated excitement and interest from the public that some even have asked for supplies to do it on a personal basis around our city.
- SHAC Phase II is moving forward.
- The Meadow Lawn project is still ongoing with the construction of the playground.
- Sicard Hollow Road is in the process of a repaving project.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

VHPR rec fees

President Myers stated the proposal is to increase rec fees effective October 1, 2017 due to capital improvements and increased operating expenses. There was also comparison to other communities conducted and fees were adjusted to be in line with other communities at 16% of operating budget. New fee would be \$40/resident and \$65/non-resident. Tommy Coggin made a motion to accept the proposal. Earl Lawson seconded the motion. In discussion, clarification was made that the sport boards would set their registration fees accordingly. The vote was unanimous, motion carries.

BSL contract

Earl Lawson stated that the current contract with BSL is set to expire May 26, 2017. The proposal would be to draft a new year to year contract that would include termination clauses in the event of pool repairs or a new aquatic facility. This would be reviewed by the city attorney. Earl Lawson made a motion to accept the proposal. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. In discussion, the pool hours will remain unchanged this year due to time requirement to ensure proper pool chemical application and testing as well as swim team practice schedules. The possibility remains that in future years, pool hours could be expanded through proper budgetary and personnel planning. The vote was unanimous, motion carries.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Absent.

POOL REPORT

Phillip Wood said they have purchased a new vacuum to clean the pool. All seems to be running well, and they look forward to continuing their relationship with the city under the new contract.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Trent Turner said their numbers are increasing with the spring sports in session and that all is running smoothly.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball-

Bill Morrison reported that baseball has about 1100 participants, fields are looking great thanks to STS, and that the parking at Cahaba Heights has worked out well.

Boys' Basketball – no representative, no report.

Girls Basketball-

Patrick Osborne reported that through the efforts of Coach Casey, they were able to use VHHS gym for the championship games in 12U. They had 2 all-star teams win the state championship March 12.

Cheerleading – no representative, no report.

Flag Football-

Mitch Bevill stated registration is in May.

OTM-

Mark Sasser stated registration is in May.

JSYFL-

Dan McMurray stated registration is in May.

Lacrosse-

Per Rachel Harwell, season is ongoing and they have 233 kids.

Seniors-

Per Julie, she has been working with Cindy Monk to help seniors in their decluttering and living needs. She is also working with the Mayor in welcoming a Russian delegation to the city on April 8.

Soccer-

Per Rocky Harmon, soccer season is ongoing, Top Soccer program is about to begin, fields are looking great thanks to STS, and 18 seniors will be moving on to play college soccer next fall.

Let's Play Vestavia-

Rocky said the Hammers are back and they have their home dates set.

Softball-

Lyles Box reported that season is ongoing with about 140 participants. They are combining with other communities in the leagues for numbers and fields are looking great thanks to STS.

Swimming-

Earl introduced Monica Carroll as the new VSA president.

Wrestling-

Per Dave Johnston, the state tournament was in March and had several state champs. Please keep Will Nailen in

prayers for his recently diagnosed cancer.

COMMENTS

Tommy Coggin spoke with some parents and how impressed they were on how much nicer our fields looked compared to Hoover's. Big thanks to Specialty Turf Supply (STS) and all of their hard work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

The next work session is TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Phillip Wood/BSL

Lyles Box/VHGSA

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Hills Wrestling Club

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Trent Turner/Concessions

Mitch Bevill/Flag Football

Donna Williamson/BSL

Rachel Harwell/VLO

Mark Sasser/OTM

Dan McMurray/VHYF

Patrick Osborne/VHYGB

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board
Work Session
4-13-17, 11:30am, City Hall (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Anne Smyth, David Myers, Jason Burnett, Brian Davis, Earl Lawson, Tommy Coggin, Paul Head, Kirk McCulley, Ashley Curry

Official Agenda:

1. Discuss next steps with boys' basketball.
2. Review facilities fees
3. Review final 501c-3 response from each board. Discuss next steps.
4. Update on UAF
5. Alcohol permit process at SHAC athletic fields.

VHPR Facility Prices

Only city employees can receive a \$25 discount.

Non-profit organizations' fee is a 50% discount with a maximum of two rentals per year.

* (Applies to specific spaces below)

1) \$500 refundable deposit included in the price below

2) In addition to the rate below an event monitor rate of a minimum of \$60 for the first 3 hours and \$20/hour thereafter will apply.

3) Other fees may apply depending on the amenities and services required.

*Dogwood Room

- Resident \$1,200
- Non Resident \$1,325

*Lodge

- Resident \$1,100
- Non Resident \$1,225

*Vestavian Room

- Resident \$1,000
- Non Resident \$1,125

*Gym (event)

- Resident \$1,000
- Non Resident \$1,125

Gym (non-event)

- \$35/hour
- \$300/day

Pavilion (Wald and SHAC)

- 1-30 people \$25/hour
- 31-100 people \$50/hour

Civic Center

- Meeting Rooms \$35/hour

Recreation fees from VHPR sports per season

- \$25/resident
- \$50/non-resident

Fees from non-VHPR sports per 3 months

- \$60/player

Athletic Fields (softball, baseball)

- \$35/hour (two hour minimum)
- \$250/day
- Registered travel teams (as defined by the Field Use Policy) may use the fields at no cost for practice games or official games if they are playing another registered travel team. Games, tournaments, practice games or scrimmages involving any non-registered travel teams when a registered team is hosting the games, the fee is \$50/game, not to exceed \$250/day.

Athletic Fields grass (soccer, football, lacrosse)

- \$60/hour
- \$500/day

Athletic Fields at SHAC (soccer, football, lacrosse)

- \$70/hour
- \$600/day

Pool

- Membership: \$35/senior citizen; \$70/resident (12U); \$85/resident; \$300 family cap rate. Non-residents are doubled. 50% discount halfway through season.
- Rent pool \$75/hour

Tennis

- \$10 for the first two hours and \$10 for each additional hour.

Programs

- 75%/25% split

BY LAWS AND POLICIES
OF THE
VESTAVIA HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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AS REVISED AND ADOPTED ON

ESTABLISHMENT

Article I.

- Section 1 The Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board (Hereafter referred to as the Board), was established by City Ordinance 597, Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 22, Title 12, of the Code of Alabama, Recompiled 1958. It is not necessary to go into all the provisions of Ordinance 319, except where it serves to clarify and define policy actions of the Board. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from the office. (Ordinance 597 is hereafter referred to as the Ordinance).
- Section 2 The Board is an agency of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, (Hereafter referred to as the City) and official acts of the Board are acts of the City by and through its Park and Recreation Board.
- Section 3 The board owns no property, buildings or Equipment. All property" buildings and equipment are vested in the City. However, in accordance with the Ordinance, the Board retains administrative responsibility and authority over all park property, park buildings, park equipment and park personnel. The Board may delegate certain authority to its employees but appointive authority is vested in the Board.
- Section 4 The Ordinance grants certain powers and authority to the Board. The Board shall take no action expressly forbidden by the Ordinance. Where the Ordinance does not authorize Board action, the Board shall seek the opinion of the City attorney, and, if deemed necessary, a State of Alabama Attorney General's opinion and /or a court case to determine the validity of such proposed action.
- Section 5 The Board is subject to all Federal and State of Alabama laws which may supersede or render null and void the Ordinance or any portion thereof.
- Section 6 The Board is subject to all city ordinances.
- Section 7 The Board shall be governed by general City policy and instructions issued by the Mayor, except where said policy and said instructions may be in conflict with established policies of the Board.
- Section 8 The Board calls attention to that certain injunction issued under date of November 8, 1961, by United States District Judge H. H.

Grooms, in Civil Action No. 9505, F. L. *Shuttlesworth, et al., Plaintiff, vs Dan Galled, et al., Defendants*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, and instructs its employees to conform to same. The injunction prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.

Section 9 All Board members are subject to the provisions of the State Ethics Act. All employees who are paid over \$50,000.00 annually are subject to the provisions of the State Ethics Act. Copies of the State Ethics Act may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.

BYLAWS

Article II

Section 1 In accordance with the ordinance, the Board shall consist of seven members. Five members shall not be members of the City's governing body and two members shall be a member of the City's governing body. These two Board members of the City's governing body shall be the Mayor and a councilmember.

Section 2 Board members are nominated by the City's governing body to the Board. The Board may elect or reject the nomination.

Section 3 Board members terms are for five years with one member's term expiring annually, December 31st. A Board member may continue to serve past the expiration date and until the successor is selected. The Board member who is a member of the City's governing body shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Section 4 The five Board members who are not members of the City's governing body are nominated and elected purely on the basis of their character and fitness for the position.

Section 5 All Board members shall be a resident of the City and shall serve without compensation.

Section 6 Impeachment or removal of Board members is the same as for members of the City's governing body.

Section 7 The Board adopts Roberts Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures for Board meetings.

Section 8 Annually, in January, the Board shall elect, by majority vote, its officers as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President

The President and Vice-President shall be elected from the five Board members.

Section 9 The duties of the office of the Board are as follows:

A. The President shall preside at Board meetings and is authorized to sign official documents of the Board. The President may call special (unscheduled) meetings of the Board provided proper notification is given pursuant to the Alabama Open Meeting Law. For emergency circumstances requiring immediate Board action to avoid physical injury to persons or damage to property, Board meeting notification will be provided as soon as practicable, but at least one hour before the start of an emergency Board meeting as set forth in the Alabama Open Meeting Law. All Board votes will be in open. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

B. The Superintendent shall be present at all Board meetings, unless excused by the President or by the Board for valid reasons. The Superintendent is the Board's executive officer and shall present to the Board proposals for Board consideration. The Board shall call for the Superintendent's recommendation on all proposals and take same under consideration.

C. The Secretary of Board shall be an employee of Parks and Recreation, named by the Superintendent, and shall be present at all Board meetings to keep minutes and records of all proceedings. The Secretary is responsible for communicating with the web master of the City's web site and keeping all records current online.

The Board shall issue instructions and policy actions only through the Superintendent. The other duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent are outlined in the Civil Service job specifications of the position. In the event the Superintendent must be absent from and Board meeting for valid reasons, the Superintendent may request the meeting be postponed until the Superintendent can be present. The Board shall take this request under consideration. In the event the Superintendent has an excused absence from Board

meeting, the Superintendent may designate another Board employee to represent the Superintendent and present the Superintendent's proposals.

- Section 10 The Board shall schedule meetings on the third Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 a.m. The regular meeting place shall be at the Vestavia Hills City Hall's Executive Conference Room but may be moved to other venues at the request of the Board. If the time or venue is changed it should be announced at the regular meeting the month prior to the change.
- Section 11 The next scheduled Board meeting will be announced at each Board meeting.
- Section 12 The Board may, by a majority vote, cancel or postpone a scheduled meeting.
- Section 13 The Board may, as conditions warrant, call special or emergency Board meetings at any time, provided Board members receive proper notification. The business to be conducted at special called meetings of the Board shall be stated in advance and no other business shall be conducted, except by three of five appointed members concurring, the Board may consider any business at hand at special Board meeting. Public notification of any special or emergency Board meeting will be provided pursuant to Alabama's Open Meeting Law.
- Section 14 All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except the Board reserves the right, when the character or personality of an individual is to be discussed, to hold its meetings closed to the public.
- Section 15 The procedure for proper notification to Board members of Board meetings shall be as follows:
- A. An agenda for each regular meeting of the Board shall be prepared by the Superintendent after consulting with the President of the Board. The agenda shall be sent to the board via email not less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting. The agenda shall be posted on the Civic Center bulletin board five (5) days prior to the regular monthly meeting. The posted agenda shall be the order of business at the meeting, unless amended by a majority vote, as first order of business of the meeting. The agenda shall at a minimum consist of the following:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Mayor's Report
- d. New Business
- e. Old Business
- f. Board Liaison's Reports
- g. League Representative Report
- h. Announcement of next scheduled meeting

B. For special called meetings, Board members shall be contacted, personally by telephone, email, fax, registered mail or telegram, at least twenty-four hours prior to the proposed meeting, except with a three-fourths majority concurring, this time limit may be waived. The Board shall not hold a special called meeting if any two members of the Board cast dissenting votes against holding the called meeting. The failure to contact any Board member for a special called meeting shall be tantamount to that member's dissenting vote, except Board members who know in advance they will be unable to attend meetings over a certain period may inform the Secretary or Superintendent accordingly and waive their rights dissent.

Section 16 Board members shall keep the Superintendent, or some other designated responsible person, up to date with their proper contact information (cell phone number, email, etc.).

Section 17 A quorum at Board meetings shall exist as follows:

- A. Three of the five appointed members shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting.
- B. Except to take under consideration any other business than that for which the meeting was specifically called, four of the five appointed Board members shall be present and concurring.

Section 18 The Board shall take no action or pass any resolution without a quorum present. Proposals may be heard, but no action shall be taken. When Board members leave a Board meeting in progress, out of hearing of the proceedings, the Secretary shall duly note their absence in the minutes. If such absences cause a lack of a quorum to exist, the Secretary shall inform the President accordingly and the Board meeting shall adjourn. If the President and Vice-President absent themselves, the Secretary shall inform

the Board that the Board must elect a President Pro-Tem before proceeding with the meeting.

- Section 19 A simple majority, four of seven Board members present and concurring or two of three Board members present and concurring, shall be sufficient to pass any resolution of the Board, except where duly noted. There shall be no proxy voting by Board members.
- Section 20 Amendments, additions or deletions to the bylaws and policies of the Board including programs, shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Board. The question will be considered at the following regular meeting. A majority vote of the Board concurring shall be necessary to amend, add or delete the bylaws and policies of the Board.
- Section 21 The President of the Board or any other two members of the Board may notify the Superintendent that they desire a special called meeting of the Board. In that event the Board members shall be polled according to the procedure in Article II, Section 15-B.
- Section 22 The Board may appoint certain standing committees from time to time dealing with the Board's property, program, personnel, facilities and equipment, or any other phase of the Board's operation. Standing committees shall consist of the Board member or members appointed, the Superintendent, and any other Board employee the Board may deem helpful to serve on the standing committee. Standing committees shall have no authority to act: they are for investigative purposes only, and shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board when Board action is desired. The Superintendent shall be authorized to consult and convene standing committees.
- Section 23 Under the same procedure and membership as above the Board may appoint certain special committees from time to time. Once special committees have reported their findings and recommendations to the Board, the committees are dissolved.
- Section 24 By majority vote concurring the Board may alter the order of business at any time during a Board meeting. The Board shall retain the right to adjourn at any time during a Board meeting by majority vote concurring.
- Section 25 The Board recognizes that it is not a Board, merely a group of individuals, until such time as the Board has been properly notified, called into session, and sitting with its Superintendent and Secre-

tary present (unless excused for valid reasons). Outside of Board meetings, Board members shall refrain from commitments, individually or collectively, which may influence precipitant actions from employees of the Board or the general public.

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Article III

Section 1 All personnel policy is determined by either the Jefferson County Personnel Board as established by State law or general city policy. Copies of these policies can be viewed at City Hall.

Section 2 The Board shall not enter into a concession lease with an employee of the Board or allow an employee to promote events involving a personal profit motive on park property. The purpose of this policy is to avoid conflict of interest situations with' employees.

AWARDS, DONATIONS FEES AND CHARGES

Article IV

Section 1 From time to time the Board is offered awards or donations which may consist of money, property, animals or equipment and other materials. All awards and donations to which conditions, restrictions or stipulations are attached shall be referred to the Board for consideration. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any such awards or donations, taking into consideration the best interest of the Board and the City. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to accept donations of unrestricted amounts of money. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to accept or reject any other unrestricted offers based on his judgment of its value to the Board. When in doubt of the value, the Superintendent shall present the offer to the Board for consideration. All unrestricted awards or donations accepted by the Board shall become the property of the City and shall not be disposed of without Board approval, unless expended through usage.

Section 2 The Board may institute reasonable fees and charges at its various park facilities. The Board's philosophy, or the conditions, under which fees and charges may be instituted are as follows:

- A. When a clearly defined "User" of a particular facility or service can be identified (as opposed to a casual observer).
- B. When the expense of operating a particular facility or service is

comparably high and a portion or all of the operating expense may be defrayed by fees or charges paid by the "User".

- C. The likelihood that the fees and charges will produce a reasonable, amount of revenue over the cost of collecting same (cashier's salaries, etc).
- D. When the facility or service proposed for fees and charges can be controlled, either by an enclosure and/or by personnel, to provide for efficient collection.
- E. To hold a reservation for a group or an individual
- F. The need for fees and charges to serve as something of a regulatory agent at a particular park facility
- G. The need for additional funds to bolster the Board's revenue

The Board reserves the right to institute, increase, decrease or abolish fees and charges at any or all of its facilities. The Board recognizes that fees and charges may vary from time to time, depending on economic conditions and other relevant factors. Copies of current fees and charges at various facilities may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS AND INSPECTION TOURS

Article V

- Section 1 The Board recognizes the value, from the standpoint of information, public relations and in-service training, attendance and participation at various meetings, conferences, seminars, conventions and tours of inspections, both local and out-of-town, for Board members and employees, provided funds are available and such personnel can be conveniently excused from their regular duties.
- Section 2 Out-of town attendance for employees shall be recommended by the Superintendent and referred to the Board for consideration, except the President may authorize an emergency trip as detailed in Article II-9-A.
- Section 3 Out-of-town trips by Board members shall be authorized, only, by the Board by majority vote.
- Section 4 Out-of-town trips authorized by the Board shall be at the expense of the department of parks and recreation, except when previously agreed by the Board that the Board member or employee shall bear a certain portion or all the expense.
- Section 5 Expenses for Board members and employees for out-of -town trips

shall be kept reasonable and accounted for according to City policy.

- Section 6 Board members and employees using air travel shall use tourist accommodations when available.
- Section 7 Board members and employees using automobile travel for out-of-town trips shall, when practical, travel in the same vehicle.
- Section 8 Board members and employees shall not be furnished expenses for travel, meals, and lodging for in-town meetings. Registration fees for authorized in-town meetings shall be considered legitimate expenses.
- Section 9 Board members and employees vacationing immediately before, during or after an authorized trip shall keep careful records of the exact time and place they go on or off Board expense and on their own time and expense.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

Article VI

- Section 1 The board instructs the Superintendent to establish and maintain friendly and cooperative relationships with all City, County, State and Federal departments and agencies with which the Board has dealings.
- Section 2 The Board is subject to the authority of those City and County departments and agencies with regulatory power over the operations and properties of the Board, not in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance, and of those State and Federal departments and agencies with regulatory power over the operations and properties of the Board.
- Section 3 The Board instructs the Superintendent to admit, free of charge, parking fees, etc., to all Board facilities and functions, personnel from the above regulatory departments and agencies in the performance of their duties. Such personnel shall be required to identify themselves and state their business. Unauthorized companions shall be required to pay fees and charges. Where there is doubt concerning the authority of authenticity of such persons a report shall be made to the Superintendent, who shall forward the report to the appropriate department or agency head requesting an investigation.
- Section 4 City Police, Fire Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department

officers and Alabama State Highway Patrolmen, in uniform, shall be admitted free of charge and without question. Such action does not include unauthorized companions. Plainclothesmen, or detectives out of uniform, shall be required to identify themselves and state their business. When there is doubt of their authority or authenticity the procedure shall be as detailed in Article VI-3. When personnel from regulatory and public safety agencies insist on free admission for unauthorized companions, they shall be admitted, and a report made to the Superintendent as detailed in Article VI-3.

Section 5 The Board may, by a three-fourths majority vote, overrule an adverse decision of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission concerning any Board property or facility.

Section 6 Employees of the City of Vestavia Hills may be allowed a reduction of \$25.00 on rental fees for all rental facilities operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The full deposit shall be required at the time of the rental and will be refunded after the event is complete if all policies are met satisfactorily. The fee concerning the alcohol policy at an event shall not be discounted. (Resolution 3063 passed by the Vestavia Hills City Council on June 18, 2001)

POLICIES PECULIAR TO RECREATION CENTERS

Article VII

Section 1 A Recreation Center (sometimes referred to as, "Community Center") is operated and maintained by the Board. The Board shall make all policy for the Recreation Center.

Section 2 The Board declares that the purpose of the Recreation Center is to promote athletic, social, cultural and artistic activities in as wholesome an atmosphere and as attractive surrounding as may be afforded.

Section 3 The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority, consistent with the policies of the Board, to staff the Recreation Center, schedule programs and events and carry out maintenance projects at the Recreation Center.

Section 4 The Board shall establish opening hours for the Recreation Center, and within the limitations of available personnel, said opening hours shall be strictly observed. Copies of current Recreation Center opening hours may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation

office.

- Section 5 The Board may lease concessions, food and drink, at the Recreation Center. In that event the lease agreement shall set forth terms and conditions. Copies of such leases may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 6 The use of the Recreation Center by the public during opening hours shall be members and members' guests. Guest fees shall be determined by the Park Board. However, private groups or organizations desiring to reserve certain space in the Recreation Center shall pay a reservation fee. The Board shall establish such fees based on the particular space used and the particular category into which the group desiring the reservation falls. Copies of current fees according to the space used and the group categories may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 7 No space in the Recreation Center shall be reserved for private use when said space is needed for the Recreation Center's regular program.
- Section 8 The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to allow private groups or organizations to reserve the Recreation Center, during hours the Recreation Center is normally closed to the public, by the payment of the regular reservation fee plus the hourly rate of the employees. Copies of current employee hourly rates may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 9 The Board may deny any individual or resident access to Recreation Centers if such access would have a negative impact on a youth sports program or would otherwise be detrimental to any program or league operated pursuant to or through the Parks and Recreation Department or the Board.

POLICIES PECULIAR TO WALD PARK SWIMMING POOL

Article VIII

- Section 1 The Board has administrative authority for the public swimming pool located in Wald Park.
- Section 2 The Board delegates the authority of the Superintendent to operate and maintain said swimming facility and to carry out a program of aquatic activities, within budget limitations.
- Section 3 The purposes of the aquatic or swimming program are as follows:

- A. To teach as many individuals as possible how to swim.
- B. To increase at the various levels of skill the individual's ability in water safety.
- C. To provide a program of competitive swimming.
- D. To allow a period for purely recreational swimming.

- Section 4 The Board shall establish opening hours for its swimming facility and the number of hours allotted each aquatic program. Copies of current opening hours and program hours may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 5 The Board may establish certain age restrictions for the use of certain areas of its swimming facility and programs. Copies of current age restrictions may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 6 The Board may establish certain fees or admission charges for the use of its swimming facility and various programs. Copies of current fees and charges may be obtained from Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 7 The Board may lease concession rights, food, drink and the like, to a concessionaire or concessionaires, who shall pay the Board for this privilege. Copies of current concession leases may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 8 The Board shall establish safety rules and regulations for the operation of its swimming facility. Copies of current safety rules and regulations may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office.
- Section 9 The Board instructs the Superintendent to be especially cognizant of the health and sanitation requirements for swimming facilities, and authorizes the Superintendent to close its swimming facility until said requirements are met.

POLICIES PECULIAR TO YOUTH SPORTS

Article IX

- Section 1 **DEFINITION:** For the purpose of Article IX, the term “Youth Sports Board” shall be defined as the group of individuals who are designated to act in an advisory, administrative or legislative capacity for any Vestavia Hills youth sports league to include each member who is allowed to vote on matters pertaining to that

- particular league.
- Section 2 The Board has administrative authority for the various youth sports leagues offered in the City of Vestavia Hills.
- Section 3 The Board delegates **revocable** administrative authority to the Youth Sports Boards of the various youth sports leagues provided their by-laws are approved by the Board. **The Board contemplates that each Youth Sports Board shall be good stewards of its participants' resources, assets and funds. The Board reserves the right to revoke any and all advisory, administrative or legislative authority from any Youth Sports Board when evidence is presented to the Board that any Youth Sports Board is not serving as a good steward of its participants' resources, assets or funds.**
- Section 4 The Board reserves the right to override any decisions that a youth sport executive board makes. The Board realizes that the youth sport executive board decisions are not to be overridden unless the decisions negatively affect a majority of the citizens of Vestavia Hills.
- Section 5 The various Youth Sports Boards shall have a representative present at all regular Parks and Recreation Board meetings and, if requested, at special called meetings.
- Section 6 **No person can serve on more than one Youth Sports Board during any calendar year.**
- Section 7 The Board shall assign one or more Board members as liaisons to each Youth Sports Board. The Board instructs the Superintendent to assign one or more park employees as liaisons to each sport.
- Section 8 The Board instructs the various Youth Sports Boards to present a financial report to the Board at least once annually, or as requested.
- Section 9 The purposes of the youth sports programs are as follows:
- A. To teach the standards of good sportsmanship.
 - B. To increase the individual's various levels of basic sports skills.
 - C. To promote athletic activities in as wholesome an atmosphere and as attractive surrounding as may be afforded.

Note: A generic set of youth sport by-laws shall be given to any new sport league that forms and falls under the direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. These by-laws are a guideline for the new sport league to follow until such time that sport specific by-laws can be created, presented to the Board and ratified by the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

Article X

- Section 1 The Board instructs the Superintendent to perform no work, materials or equipment, on private property.
- Section 2 With the approval of the Board, private property may be leased for Board purposes. In that event, with the approval of the Board, work may be performed commensurate with the terms and length of the lease.
- Section 3 The Board authorizes the Superintendent to perform work on other City property to a reasonable extent and not unreasonably interfering with regular duties and work schedule. When work requests on other City property are of such magnitude, the Superintendent shall bring the requests to the Board for consideration.
- Section 4 The Board recognizes the value of the park system's trees and grounds. For conservation purposes, the Board instructs the Superintendent to cause to be planted yearly, as many trees as may be practical.
- Section 5 The Board authorizes the Superintendent to remove trees which are damaged beyond repair or which may obstruct activities or construction. No tree shall be removed except for due cause and after thoughtful consideration by the Superintendent.
- Section 6 The Board instructs the Superintendent to attempt to repair and salvage damaged trees whenever practical.
- Section 7 The Board instructs the Superintendent to follow a program of planting, at least, two trees for every one removed.
- Section 8 The Board instructs the Superintendent to promote and encourage good environmental and ecological practices both of human and physical resources.

- Section 9 Having considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall recommend to the City's governing body a name for each newly acquired unnamed park.
- Section 10 While not a hard and fast policy, the Board is, generally, opposed to naming portions of parks, or facilities within certain parks, any name other than the official name of the park.
- Section 11 The Board may design or name certain rooms within a certain building.
- Section 12 The Board prohibits the use of parks and park facilities for organized religious and political meeting and activities, except when said meeting and activities are in the wide-spread public interest.
- Section 13 The Board prohibits the use of parks and park facilities for purely commercial activities, except those commercial activities under lease to the Board.
- Section 14 All Board facilities are open to the public, except during certain hours when closed to the public. Places closed to the public are those marked "employees only" or those places held by permit or lease. Persons who may enter park facilities in places or during hours when closed to the public are trespassers.
- Section 15 The Board may establish curfew hours at certain parks or park facilities. Persons who may violate said curfew hours are trespassers.
- Section 16 The Board instructs the Superintendent to attempt to have apprehended and prosecuted trespassers and those abusing or using park facilities for a purpose for which the park facilities were not intended.
- Section 17 The Board acknowledges that it has no police power. The Board depends on the law enforcement agencies for police service. However, the Board authorizes all employees to detain suspects as referred to in Section 16 until the proper police authorities arrive.
- Section 18 The Ordinance does not grant the Board the power of subpoena.
- Section 19 The Board has no power or authority to buy or sell real estate property without the concurring resolution of the City's governing body.

- Section 20 The Board delegates the authority to the Superintendent to suspend the public use of various parks, portions of parks, or park facilities for major repairs or renovations or for various tournaments considered in the best interest of the Board and the City. The Superintendent shall make such public use suspension only after due consideration and for the minimum time required.
- Section 21 The Board exempts from all policies and rules and regulations pertaining to pets, the use of "seeing-eye dogs" for persons who are legally blind.
- Section 22 The Board instructs the Superintendent to display both the United States of America and the State of Alabama flags, according to the proper flag etiquette, at all Board facilities whenever practical. When it is practical to display only one flag, it shall be the United States of America flag.
- Section 23 Petty cash funds at various Board facilities shall be handled according to City policy. The Board prohibits anyone from borrowing from petty cash.
- Section 24 The Board instructs the Superintendent to cooperate with the appropriate agencies assigned overall responsibility in the event of an emergency, calamity or catastrophe. If the Superintendent has doubt as to the extent of cooperation, the Board shall make the determination and instruct the Superintendent accordingly.
- Section 25 The Board recognizes the authority of the Mayor in situations of grave emergency, calamity or catastrophe to commandeer all Board property, facilities, equipment and personnel.
- Section 26 The Board instructs the Superintendent to keep accurate and up-to-date inventories of all equipment and supplies.
- Section 27 The Board instructs the Superintendent to keep an accurate and up-to-date ledger of the properties of the Board, detailing each property, the facilities and equipment located thereon, a map of the property, identifying photographs and other information as may be useful.
- Section 28 The Board instructs the Superintendent to encourage and assist, to a reasonable extent, within legalities, funds and the policies of the Board, the formation and participation of lesser known recreational and athletic activities, Example: Lacrosse, Wrestling, Rugby and others, as well as Handicrafts, etc.

- Section 29 The Board prohibits playing and practicing golf at any parks other than golf courses.
- Section 30 The Board prohibits such sports as archery, javelin throwing, discus throwing and other activities involving dangerous missiles on all park property, except in those park areas particularly designed for such activities.
- Section 31 The Board prohibits permanent advertising signs at its various parks and facilities, except advertising specifically approved by the Board. This advertising prohibition applies to private organizations as well as commercial concerns.
- Section 32 The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority and the discretion to turn off outdoor lighting at park facilities during periods and seasons of inclement weather.
- Section 33 The Board instructs the Superintendent to promote and encourage to the fullest extent possible and practical the services of volunteers (non-paid workers) in all phases of the Board's operations. The Board is aware of the extensive use of volunteer services, presently, and the fundamental need for volunteers for a successful park and recreation program.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2258

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 597 TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A PARK & RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA; TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; TO FIX THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF SAID BOARD, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE & THE MANNER OF SELECTING SAME.

WITNESSETH THESE RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Title 11-86-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizes a municipality in Alabama to create a park and recreation board; and

WHEREAS, Title 11-86-5, Code of Alabama, 1975, provides that a municipal governing body may acquire lands, buildings and facilities for recreational purposes by means of purchase, lease, loan, gift or condemnation procedure and shall have power to accept financial and other aid and grants for recreational purposes from any public or private agency; and

WHEREAS, Title 11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975, provides that the City Council may establish, lay out and improve public grounds, parks and boulevards and regulate the same and may provide music and other exhibitions for the amusement of the inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Title 11-47-211, Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizes a municipality in Alabama to acquire or lease lands, buildings, facilities and improvements suitable for public parks, playgrounds, athletic and other recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, Title 11-47-210.1, Code of Alabama, 1975, provides that all municipalities in Alabama have the power to acquire, operate, manage and control parks, playgrounds and other recreational and athletic facilities; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1981, the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama approved and adopted Ordinance Number 597 to create a Park and Recreation Board of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; to prescribe its powers and duties; to fix the number of members of said board, their terms of office and the manner of selecting the same; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to amend Ordinance Number 597 pursuant to the authority of the five statutes cited above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA THAT ORDINANCE NUMBER 597 BE AMENDED SO THAT AS AMENDED SAID ORDINANCE NUMBER 597 SHALL READ IN ITS ENTIRETY IN WORDS AND FIGURES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: CREATION: That a Park and Recreation Board of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a municipal corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), be and the same is hereby created and established as an agency or Board of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, pursuant to the provisions of Title 11-86-1, *Code of Alabama, 1975*. Ordinance Number 319 previously enacted on October 20, 1975, and Ordinance Number 590, previously enacted on August 17, 1981, are hereby repealed so that the same shall be null and void.

SECTION TWO: COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE: The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, namely, the Mayor of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, as an ex officio member; one (1) member of the City Council appointed by the City Council as an ex officio member; and five (5) other residents of Vestavia Hills, who have recognized interest in recreational activities and who shall be selected and appointed by the City Council. The Mayor shall serve as a member of the Board concurrently with the term of Office of the Mayor of Vestavia Hills. The member of the City Council shall serve as a member of the Board at the pleasure of the City Council. These seven (7) members shall constitute the voting membership of the Park & Recreation Board of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama

The term of each appointed member shall be five (5) years or until his or her successor takes office, except that the respective terms of the five members first appointed shall be one, two, three, four, and five years.

SECTION THREE: VACANCIES: As the terms of voting members expire, their successors shall be selected for terms of five (5) years each. Vacancies in unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.

On or before the first regular December meeting of the City Council in each calendar year, successors shall be elected as members of the Board whose terms of office expire at the end of said year, such members to serve five years or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall enter upon their duties at the first meeting of the Board in the following month of January. In the event of death or resignation of any member of the Board prior to the expiration of his or her term of appointment, the City Council shall proceed forthwith to elect a successor who shall serve out the unexpired term.

SECTION FOUR: COMPENSATION: Members of the Vestavia Hills Park & Recreation Board shall serve without compensation. In the event it is necessary for a more efficient performance of their duties for any member or committee of members, to make trips in connection with Board business, the Board shall be authorized to reimburse said member or members for actual traveling and living expenses incurred. However,

said member or members must give fourteen (14) days advance written notice to the Board prior to any trip stating the following:

- A. Date of trip
- B. Length of trip
- C. Purpose of trip
- D. Anticipated cost of said trip
- E. Itinerary of trip
- F. Destination

Reimbursement of said actual living and travel expenses shall be made only after approval of said trip by the Board after receipt of said written notice and prior to said trip and upon presentation of fully detailed and itemized vouchers and receipts.

SECTION FIVE: OPERATION: The Board shall elect from its membership, a President, Vice President and Secretary and such other Officers as it deems necessary to serve at its pleasure. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations covering the procedures of the Board and the use of lands, buildings, equipment and other facilities under its jurisdiction.

SECTION SIX: POWERS AND DUTIES: The Board shall be responsible for the direction, supervision and promotion of such recreational programs as will contribute to the general welfare of the residents of the county or municipality. The Board shall have control over all lands, buildings, equipment and other facilities assigned for recreational purposes to the Board by the municipal governing body or purchased or leased by it from funds provided by the municipal governing body; provided, however, that such control is subject to Title 11-47-19, Title 11-47-211, Title 11-47-210.1, *Code of Alabama, 1975*, being the three statutes cited in the premises above. The Board shall cooperate with other local agencies and state and federal agencies for the purpose of maintaining and improving recreational services and facilities for the municipality, including specifically, but not limited to, the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The Board shall have power to accept financial and other aid and grants from any public and private agency.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have power to manage all park and recreational property owned by or under the control of the City by purchase or gift, land, money, securities, building, books, sporting equipment or other property, real or personal, for park and recreational uses and purposes; to transfer in the name of the City, any equipment, books or other personal property, or any lease upon land for which it may have negotiated, to provide for the erection and rental of gymnasiums, swimming pools, community houses, playgrounds, rifle or pistol ranges, and other special types of recreational buildings and facilities, and to maintain the same; to provide its own By-Laws, rules and regulations for its own governance of its officials and employees, and for the governance of the buildings and recreational facilities under its supervision and control.

Vacancies in the position of Director of Parks & Recreation shall be filled in the following manner:

- (1) Upon request of the Mayor, the Jefferson County Personnel Board, pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama shall submit a list of the most qualified candidates.
- (2) The Mayor shall assemble a search committee comprised of: the Mayor, the President of the Parks and Recreation Board or a member as appointed by the President of the Parks and Recreation Board; and the current ex officio member of the City Council. This committee shall individually interview the candidates for the position.
- (3) The Mayor, as Appointing Authority of the City, shall recommend a candidate to fill the position to the City Council.
- (4) The City Council shall appoint a Director.

SECTION SEVEN: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Board shall adopt, at its regular meeting in the month of June of each year, a detailed budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the next following year, which shall be transmitted to the Mayor to follow the current budgetary procedures. The Mayor shall present the requests as he recommends to the City Council. Upon receipt of such estimated budget, the City Council shall appropriate and set aside, for the use of the Board, for the maintenance of the Park and Recreation system of the City, funds in an amount equal to all or such part of said estimated budget as may be available or deemed proper by the City Council.

Requisitions and Vouchers for payment shall be directed to the City's financial office pursuant to the City's current standard operating procedures.

SECTION EIGHT: ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES REPEALED: That Ordinance Number 319 and Ordinance Number 590 are hereby repealed.

SECTION NINE: SEVERABILITY: The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable. If provision or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such provision or portion shall be deemed a separate and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and remainder thereof.

SECTION TEN: EFFECTIVE DATE: The provisions of this Ordinance Number 2258 shall become effective immediately upon the passage and approval thereof by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, and the publication and/or posting thereof as required by Alabama law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 27th day of May, 2009.

David Carrington
Council President

ATTESTED BY:

Rebecca Leavings
City Clerk

APPROVED BY:

Alberto C. Zaragoza, Jr.
Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I, Rebecca Leavings, as City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 2258 is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills on the _____ day of _____, _____, as same appears in the official records of said City.

Posted at Vestavia Hills Municipal Center, Vestavia Hills Library, and Vestavia Hills Recreational Center this the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Rebecca Leavings
City Clerk

Vestavia Hills Youth Baseball (VHYB)
Parks and Recreation Report
May 2017

The following are some highlights from VHYB:

1. 1094 players registered through VHYB. This includes:
 - 25 girls
 - 54 non-residents
 - 5 players received scholarships
 - 4 YMBA teams (these are teams for high school age students).
2. One team (approx. 13 players) registered directly through Parks and Rec to receive field practice space.
3. VHYB hosted the special needs league at no cost to the participants. Also, VHYB paid for the uniforms for these players.
4. Taking into account the team that registered directly through Parks and Rec and the Special Needs League, there were well over 1100 youth playing baseball this Spring that VHYB assisted through registering, scheduling and/or furnishing uniforms.
5. VHYB has 29 teams playing post-season baseball in GBBA (formerly known as Metro). In the old Metro format there would have been approximately 16-18 teams playing post season baseball. Vestavia's leadership in the formation of the Greater Birmingham Baseball Association (GBBA) has enhanced the baseball experience for the youth in Vestavia as well as the surrounding Birmingham Metro area. Bill Morrison, VHYB president, also serves as president of GBBA.
6. Looking to the future, the member parks of GBBA (Homewood, Hoover East, Mountain Brook, Shades Mountain, Oak Mountain, Trussville, and Vestavia) are looking to coordinate calendars more closely to allow some tournament baseball experiences for our regular season drafted leagues during the months of March and April. This will bring teams from all of the Over The Mountain parks into the city of Vestavia for Saturday/Sunday tournaments.
7. VHYB has requested the GBBA member parks to consider inter-Park play for Fall baseball. This was received enthusiastically and anticipate this being in place during the next month to six weeks for this fall. This will enhance the Fall baseball experience for the youth of Vestavia.



VESTAVIA HILLS YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

APRIL 2017

March

- 9U Girls win APRA State Tournament
- 10U Girls win APRA State Tournament

April

Board Meeting on 4/7

- Board Meeting Minutes available at www.vhygbasketball.com
- Approved one new board member and officers

Board Approved Initiatives

- New logo
- \$1500 donation to P&R Dept
- Adopted a Coaches Code of Conduct
- Summer Skill Sessions for all age divisions
- Summer Thursday Night Scrimmage for 12U
- Summer Skills Flyers sent home in school backpacks
- Updated League Web Site
- Established a Competitive Arm to meet the demand of increased interest in Girls Basketball. Teams sanctioned by the Board may play in Competitive Leagues and Tournaments.
- Free T-Shirts to increase Fall registrations. Shirts given to players attending Summer Skills Sessions





May 2017 Activity Report

Current Activity:

Birmingham Swim League (BSL) returned to practicing at Wald Park on April 17, 2017.

Recent & Upcoming Activity:

Several BSL Swimmers have committed to swimming in college this Fall, including the University of Alabama, Sewanee University, Truman State University, and Rhodes College.

BSL recently hosted a competition of almost 350 swimmers ranging from ages 7 to 18, with swimmers from Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Maintenance of Wald Park will be turned over to Candia Cole and Vestavia Park & Recreation on Tuesday May 16, 2017.

BSL has replenished all chemicals, repaired any necessary equipment, and ensured the proper operation of all Wald Park pools prior to May 16, 2017.

Long Range Activity:

BSL will host a local 12 & Under USA Swimming competition on May 20 and all ages USA Swimming competition for all local and traveling teams in June at the Crossplex.

We are currently accepting new swimmers on a regular basis and will continue to do so throughout the spring and summer. Registration is available by contacting Swim4BSL@gmail.com or by visiting BirminghamSwimLeague.org

VHGSA Report for Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation Board – May 2017

Our spring rec season will end Saturday, May 6th to be followed by an inter-park age division championship. The season has been a successful, fielding 12 team across 4 age divisions with approximately 135 girls participating. Our numbers remained flat year over year with a slight increase seen in the younger age groups (6U & 8U). Most of our activities occur at Liberty Park; however, the Exchange Field has been available this Spring on designated days that several of our teams are taking advantage of for practices. The opportunity to host more events closer to the core population of Vestavia would ultimately help with recruitment and retention of new players.

Given our modest numbers we do need to work with other area parks to fill a season. Our 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions have worked with other area parks to schedule games. We have played games with the following other parks: Mountain Brook, Homewood, Chelsea, Southside, Oak Mountain, & Trussville.

We also have three Vortex teams this spring, with one team in 12U, 10U and 8U. These teams have participated in several Player Development League (PDL) tournaments throughout the Spring with Liberty Park hosting one; March 25th; Trussville hosting the other two, April 8th and April 29th. With our participation in these tournament complete I can report that we did have success, with 12U winning the Championship in the April 8th tournament and the 10U and 8U teams bring home the Championship from April 29th.

Our Board wants to thank Parks & Rec for the excellent work keeping the outfields in great condition throughout the spring season. The painting of the dugouts and concession building which is appreciated and helps to maintain the quality of our facilities. Finally, we thank the P&R Board the funds allocated for batting cage improvements at Liberty Park Fields 1-4. We are currently looking at options and costs to both improve and replace the nets, cage surfaces, and in the case of cages located between fields 3 & 4, replacing the entire structure. We anticipate getting started on these improvements as soon as our rec season ends in early May and continue to seek estimates.

We continue to receive many positive comments regarding the quality of our facilities from both coached and parents. The VHGSA looks forward to partnering with the Park & Rec Board on future improvement to ensure our park continues to be a quality location for recreational and tournament play.

Respectfully,

Lyles Box
VHGSA President