



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, March, Tommy Dazzio called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Tommy Dazzio, President Blaine House Lilla Hood Tommy Coggin Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	None
Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza	Absent
Council Representative Steve Ammons	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent B. J. Dubose, Office Manager
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Brian Davis

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Blaine House made a motion to approve the January minutes. Lilla Hood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The National Recreation and Parks Association is partnering with Macy's to make a donation to Wald Park. It's a program whereby local Macy's customers are asked at the time of checkout if they would like to make a donation to a Wald Park. This will run March 7-31. Macy's will match the first \$250,000 raised, dollar-for-dollar. Check distribution by June 2.

- Vestavia Hills Tree Commission, VHECH Green Team, and Alabama Forestry Commission hosted a tree giveaway on February 22, 2014 at the school parking lot. Over 100 citizens came to the event.
- New Merkle Health Fair Feb 26 was a success.
- Donated 4 free pool passes for upcoming summer to VH PALS for their silent auction.
- Spring sports (baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis) are in full swing.
- May 3 is the city's annual health fair in the gym from 9-1 with a fun run preceding the event.
- City instituting VH Action center for citizens to report complaints/problems online.
- Planning underway for annual spring baseball clinic for special needs kids. Partnering with LVH and Birmingham Barons.

MAYORS REPORT

Absent

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

As of April 1st, tag renewal can be done at city hall. There will be a small convenience fee attached.

The Travel Lodge building has been fenced in and should be down in the next 45 days.
Joe's and Food World should be down in the next 45 days. Bids start today.

The city is going through the branding process with Tatum Design. There will be a new logo, revamping of the website, social media and video work. Our gateways as well will be redesigned by Goodwin, Mills and Cawood.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

The update on Sicard Hollow should be completed in May.

ALDOT will begin repaving Highway 31 between I 65 and Shades Crest in May.

We are working with a branding agency and sign company on a sign for Liberty Park which should be coming up soon.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

David wanted to make a recommendation for the board to consider the revision of the youth sports rules/code of ethics and conduct, namely baseball, for spectators as well as coaches, parents and players. He has looked at other youth leagues online and they have more detailed rules and codes of conduct. He feels that the VHYB rules are ambiguous and would like them to look at other leagues to see how they have theirs documented. Maybe adopt something a little simpler and clearer with a better definition of the process regarding complaints concerning behavior at the parks. Tommy Dazzio stated he doesn't disagree that the sports need to have a complaint procedure process. Mitch Beville responded that the leagues look to the umpires to police behavior. Tommy suggested since he has

brought this issue to the board that he sit in on the next work session to discuss further. The board leaves it to the leagues to handle their on complaints unless they don't get resolved.

POOL REPORT

Jason Burnett said the city is having the pool drained during spring break for repairs. The bubble will come down during the first week of April.

CONCESSION REPORT

Trents detailed report is in the packet. In addition, Jonathan Turner reported that the Cahaba Heights opened this week. The weekend was great. SHAC sales are really good. There was about a \$5,000 increase in sales this month compared to last year.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Lilla reported VSA met on yesterday. They will be increasing registration by \$10.00 per child. Registration will start May 1st till the end of the month. Swim will start May 19th with evaluations May 17th.

Tommy said the basketball president will be Jackson Bryant.

Per Steve Ammons, Lacrosse was to have Lagrange and Millsap women's team come and play in an effort to promote more young women participation in the sport but had to cancel due to rain and having to travel great distances.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball/Mitch Bevill- This past weekend was opening weekend. They have 1,060 kids playing baseball. The guys did a great job getting the fields ready. The league put in new nets, installed new batting cages and worked together to put in new drainage at Kelly Field. Mitch also commented that the new bleachers look great.

Basketball-None.

Cheerleading-Carol with cheerleading said they have a lot of changes. The girls will be cheering for Jefferson/Shelby as well as the OTM teams. They will be cheering for whoever is playing that evening not for a specific team. Registration will be from the Monday after spring break to April 30th.

Flag Football- Per Chad Long, football will start May 1st.

JSYFL- John Schick said the 2014 boys are in place. They are in the process of collecting applications for coaches. Registration will be May 1st through 31st. Their goal is two teams per age group. Practice starts week of July 28th. The season begins September 2nd and the championship game will be played November 22nd.

OTM-Kirk McCully sitting in for Hobson reported they will have joint registration same as in the past beginning May 1st. Evaluations will be in June. Practice August 1st. They are expecting 9 to 10 teams this fall.

Lacrosse- Per Greg Harris, lacrosse is in full swing and have no issues. Steve Ammons introduced the president of VLO, Art Decarlo.

Seniors-None.

Soccer-Per Rocky, soccer is full speed ahead.

Softball-Per Spencer Davidson the numbers of participants is almost the same as last year. 12U did not make. Opening day and starting games got washed out. He asked for a sign saying, "NO METAL SPIKES" for the fields. They would like to re-net all 8 cages and are in the process of applying for a shade structure grant.

Swimming-None.

Wrestling- None.

PROGRAMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be April 16th, 11:30 a.m. at SHAC.

COMMENTS

Council President Ammons thank Mitch for inviting him and mayor to throw out the first pitch. He also asked for park board representation at the next city council meeting because one of the items on the agenda will be fields and monument funding at SHAC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Rocky Harmon/Soccer
Jonathan Dean/Turner Concessions
Kirk McCully/OTM
Mitch Bevill/VHYB
Chad Long/VHFF(Flag)
Art Decarlo/Lacrosse
Karol Leggett/Cheerleading
Greg Harris/Lacrosse