



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

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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, September 16th, Tommy Dazzio called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 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	Present
Council Representative Steve Ammons	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent Julie Harper, Programs Coordinator B. J. Dubose
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Tommy Coggin

APPROVAL OF JULY 15TH, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Park and Rec TVs have been updated with the new Charter equipment.
- Rec membership policy has gone really well with about 150 members signed up.
- Field trip with seniors to Farmer's Market on Finley.
- Renewed agreement with American Red Cross to use the Civic Center as a shelter.

- Met with branding production crew for site visits.
- BSL volunteers took down wooden deck at pool.
- BSL bubble up Oct 2-5.
- New HVAC replacement for downstairs classrooms complete.
- Social media strategic meeting at city hall for city wide departments.
- Foundation meeting Sept 17 at 7:30am.
- Annual E-Recycle Day Sept 20 at Wald Park.
- We will switch from NCSS concussion training to CDC, Oct 1.
- New Merkle open house was well attended and we hope to continue to gain new seniors there.
- National Senior Citizen's Day at the Lodge was also well attended and we had Sarah Wuska speak on the history of Vestavia Hills.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The city budget passed with a 1% COLA. Also, the public service department will receive some new equipment.

The new city hall project is about two weeks ahead of schedule with an opening due date of September 2015.

The Cahaba Heights town hall meeting last night had good attendance.

Sales tax revenue is increasing.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Brian said the department is looking forward to the new equipment October 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Background Check Policy-

Bullet Screening is doing the screening this fall for free. The programs will not have to use the company the board chooses after the bid process. The policy itself applies to all organizations. It's general for adult programs and specific for those programs involving minors. All the youth programs will have to perform a formal background check and there are minimum standards in the policy for the background check. If you do your own or hire your own contractor, you will have to make sure they meet the minimum standards, certify with Jason they are in compliance and have completed it. It states that there are certain negative findings that will disqualify a volunteer absent special circumstances and those are felony arrest, sex offender violations, or any other arrest involving violence whether felony or misdemeanor. If it's a certain type of offense that you feel shouldn't disqualify them then you can come to the board and request they be approved even though they are in one of those categories listed. Any other finding that does not intone of those categories it will be up to the individual sport board whether to accept that volunteer. Steve said whether it's his company or someone else that the city hires after the bid process he would encourage the sports use the city's

contractor. Anyone using their own will have to certify Jason Burnett they have been checked out. The background check is good for a year.

Tommy asked for a motion to approve the background check policy. Council President Ammons made a motion to approve. Mayor Zaragoza seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VHPR Rates Revised-

Field rental rates were discussed at last month's work session with a rec fee increase of the per season sports programs from \$20 to \$25 for residents and from \$40 to \$50 for non-residents. Tommy asked if there was any discussion of this proposal. Tommy asked for a motion to approve the new field rental rates. Blaine House made a motion to approve. Lilla Hood seconded. The vote was unanimous. Jason added that basically the sports will need to increase their registrations accordingly. The changes are effective immediately.

Athletic fields for softball and baseball. Right now the hourly rate is \$35 per hour and the proposal is to make it a two hour minimum with a cap of \$300 a day. The field use policy that describes when travel ball teams are registered, so if you're a registered travel team as defined by the field use policy you can use the fields at no cost for practice games or other games as long as you're playing another registered travel team. But for the travel teams bringing in another team from outside the city, the fee will be \$50.00 per game not to exceed \$300 a day. Same issue if they are running a tournament, they get charged \$50 a game not to exceed \$500 a day. If its tournament of Vestavia registered travel teams its free.

Tommy asked for a motion to approve the new athletic fee rates. Mayor Zaragoza made a motion to approve. Tommy Coggin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

POOL REPORT

None.

CONCESSION REPORT

Per Council President Ammons, Trent while he was out of town but will turn in turn his report in to Jason today.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Per Brian, we are looking to raise the signs on the fences October 20th.

Steve Ammons stated lacrosse numbers have increased. Last weekend was their first weekend and they are still registering girls.

Lilla Hood said that BSL has 220 swimmers doing dry land in each of the groups.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Cheerleading-

Per Carol with LRC the OTM and Jefferson/Shelby cheering is working out fine. They have purchase new pomp oms and signs in OTM colors.

Flag Football-

Chad Long stated football started this Saturday with 276 kids. They are playing 3 week nights.

JSYFL-

Stewart Garner stood in for John Schick. They are using Guardian helmets and are looking good. The helmets are voluntary.

Lacrosse-

VLo president, Art DeCarlo said their games are from 1 to 6 on Sundays and they are recruiting coaches.

Seniors-

Per Julie Harper, the seniors are being offered continuing education classes through UAB. The program is called OLLI. She handed out booklets which included information on the 2nd Senior Citizens Day celebration and fall courses being offered. She invited the board to participate in the courses. Also, on November 6th the seniors will visit the Paul Bryant Museum. Registration is \$20. Tommy asked Jason to send out an email a week before.

Soccer-

Rocky Harmon stated that soccer had its largest fall in the history of the club. He presented the board with a check for \$30,000 for registrations. The teams looks good and so does the report on Let's play Vestavia. Also, the Howard University Women's teams will have a game at Liberty Park that will be streamed October 3rd.

Wrestling-

Wrestling is off season. Tommy Dazzio reported they have started Sunday afternoon practices at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Ammons noted National Night Out will kick off 5:30 at Shades Mountain Baptist Church, October 7th. This is the fourth year and the theme this year is "All for One", taking control of drug issues. There will be drug boxes at each station for disposal of old medications.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd, 11:30 a.m. at the Egg & I. This is a tentative location.

November 4th is Election Day.

COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Karol Leggett/Cheerleading

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Chad Long/VHFF(Flag)

Art DeCarlo/Lacrosse

Stuart Garner/VHYFL