



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ALBERTO "BUTCH"
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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

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11/18/2014

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, November 18th, Tommy Coggin called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Tommy Coggin, Vice President Blaine House Lilla Hood
Park Board Members absent were:	Tommy Dazzio, President Anne Smyth
Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem 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 SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES

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

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER BLAINE HOUSE

Tommy Coggin and Steve Ammons both expressed their appreciation for Blaine's tireless work on behalf of the city and the park board. Blaine will be presented an award clock.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Continuing offering background checks through Bullet Screening Services for free to winter sports.

- Fall sports ending, transitioning to basketball season.
- Met with Trane and professional photographer to showcase our new lights through their publications.
- Gym supervisors have been hired for basketball season.
- Transitioning Facebook profile to a Facebook page for Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation. Transition completion on January 1.
- SHAC ceremony held in recognition of the Belcher family and McCallum family.
- New Merkle yard sale was October 24-25 and the Halloween luncheon was October 31.
- VHHS baseball using Wald 1 in mid-November for evaluations.
- McCallum Park bridge possibly in place by the time Park Board meets (Nov 14).
- Soccer was able to utilize Old Columbiana Field for their fall season.
- Holiday in the Hills will be at the City Center on December 9.
- Gym floor will be buffed and waxed Dec 22-27.

MAYOR'S REPORT

In the mayors' absence, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons reported the Patchwork Farms Master Plan was approved which should bring in \$75 million dollars to the city over a period of years.

Sprouts Farmers Market closed on the property across from Red Lobster. They should begin moving dirt early 2015.

The additional parking for the library should be finished by the end of this year. The new city hall building should open October 2015. The Alabama Symphony Orchestra will play at the opening ceremony. The expectation for the new city hall is to be a true city center with community oriented events and activities there.

The old library has been sold to America's First Credit Union. It will be leveled and built all new.

The city has kicked off its official branding with all of the gateway, signage, logo and video, <http://alifeabove.org> by Tatum Design. Also, the city's website will get a huge facelift.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Brian Davis stated he received a verbal revision from ALDOT regarding the south gateway. We should see work done soon.

A grant from ADECA of a little over 1 million dollars was received for flood plagued areas of Cahaba Heights. Four houses will be demolished and will be replaced with a passive park.

Proposals have been sent out to contract out maintenance of the athletic fields.

The new bridge at McCallum Park is in place.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Civic Center Holiday Calendar for 2015-

Jason presented the 2015 Civic Center Holiday Closing calendar to the board for approval. Blaine made a motion to approve the 2015 Civic Center Holiday Closing calendar. Lilla seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tournament Rates Revision-

Per Jason, two changes were made to the tournament field rental rates of softball and baseball fields since the work session and need to be voted on. One, under the \$300.00 per day, per field rate an addition was made stating fields will be dragged and relined as needed at the discretion of the staff maintenance. Two, a discount for larger groups will be offered, to \$250 per day per field if they only need an initial drag and lining of the fields and do it themselves.

Tommy asked for a motion to approve the new tournament rates. Steve Ammons made a motion to approve. Lilla seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

POOL REPORT

None.

CONCESSION REPORT

None.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Baseball-

Tommy stated that Metro met and they aren't making any changes. They had a successful fall season and are getting ready for sign up in January.

Lacrosse-

Per Steve, registration will begin December 1st. VLO will meet today. They are working on new uniforms for varsity ages and are working on a tournament, December 17th and 18th.

Rocky is working on the Rebel Yell Icebreaker Tournament to kick off the season.

LEAGUE REPORTS-

Flag Football-

Chad Long reported flag football played 172 games. The season has ended.

VYFL-

Per John Schick, VHYF participation is up this year. Vestavia won 70% of their games this year and have four teams in the championship game which is this Saturday. The game will be from 9 to 7 p.m. at Old Berry. Stewart Garner will be the new president and Perry Townes will be the vice president.

Seniors-

Per Julie Harper, the seniors are getting ready for Christmas.

Soccer-

Rocky stated they almost won the state championship

Wrestling-

Dave Johnston reported wrestling is in its 3rd full week. After football there should be 40 to 50 kids registered. The first tournament is this Saturday in Thompson. Also, they have joined the AAU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Ammons announced 5 or 6 applicants have applied for the park board. Interviews will be held on December 10th at 7:30 a.m.

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

The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, December 16th, 11:30 a.m. at the Egg & I. This is a tentative location.

COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Youth Wrestling

John Schick/VHYF

Rocky Harmon/VHSC

Chad Long/Vestavia Flag Football