



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, January 20th, Tommy Dazzio called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:

Tommy Dazzio, President
Tommy Coggin, Vice President
Blaine House
Lilla Hood
David Myers
Anne Smyth

Park Board Members absent were:

None

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
Jim Treest, Athletic Coordinator
B. J. Dubose

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

David Myers

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Tommy Coggin made a motion to approve the January 20th, 2015 minutes. Lilla Hood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Please visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Bridge at McCallum Park is done.

February 28th girls' basketball district tournament for all stars we will be hosted at the recreation center.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons reported the city council went on a retreat last Thursday and Friday to Guntersville State Park where they had a number of discussions mostly around economic development and the new opportunities within the city. We've sold all of Patchwork Farms. Development should be complete in the next 2 years.

Also in December, we did the Cahaba Heights Plan and an addendum to the Master Plan in order to bring I more economic development, mostly around the Cahaba Heights Village, the park, the school and all that area. The Master Plan is posted on the city's website.

Two of the items at the city council meeting dealt with parks. Part of that was the tunnel which will be under public services. We did a contract with Volker. We are anxious to find out what the possibilities are.

Construction has begun on the southern gateway. We are hoping to improve the look and feel of the gateway into the city.

In the last week or two steel and rafters have gone up on the new city hall. As well as tearing up the parking lot to create the new grand entrance coming up to the new city hall. The projected date is August of this year. They have been on time and have done a very good job.

The contract was approved for the inside the fence work which came out of our strategic planning with parks. We sold all of the equipment to the company doing the work. In turn we don't have those capital expenses or repairs anymore. We did keep the equipment that would be needed to maintain outside the fences. Parks staff will continue to take of that.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Per Brian, the city has hired Lori Beth Kearly as a new engineer. She has a background in civil and traffic engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination and Appointment of 2015 Park Board President/Vice-President-

Tommy Dazzio asked for a nomination for the 2015 Park Board president. Steve Ammons nominated Tommy Coggin as president. David Myers made a motion to accept the nomination. Lilla Hood seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Tommy Dazzio asked for a motion for 2015 Park Board vice president. Tommy Coggin nominated Anne Smyth as vice president. David Myers seconded. The vote was unanimous.

President Tommy Dazzio passed the gavel to President elect Tommy Coggin.

POOL REPORT

None.

CONCESSION REPORT

None.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

There has been a change on some of the liaisons which is as follows:

David Myers-Baseball/Lacrosse

Tommy Coggin-ALL Football Leagues

Tommy Dazzio-Softball, Wrestling, and Cheerleading

VSA-

Lilla reported that Christine will not be president of VSA. They are in the process of figuring out who will be the new president. They are trying to get moved to middle team division to be more competitive. Also, through BSL, the pool is leaking. They are saying the water level is about 8 inches below the gutter each day. Per Jason, parks and recreation has been aware of the leaking for some time and have taken several measures to pinpoint the problem. We resurfaced it 3 or 4 years ago and will be doing it again soon. We really just need a new pool.

Lacrosse-

Steve Ammons said VLO tried to work with Let's Play Vestavia on a tournament but the tournament didn't make. Instead, this past weekend had 3 other teams come up and played some friendly matches to knock off the rust. And they did a little fund raising. Trent Turner was very generous in helping fund raise. He gave 10% of all concessions that day back to VLO. The weekend before last there was a level one coaching clinic from lacrosse. There were 27 men over all that came, 11 of those were from Vestavia.

LEAGUE REPORTS-

Baseball-

Mitch Bevill reported that registration will be wrapped up this weekend. Practices will begin February 2nd. They should have everybody on a team by then. Opening weekend for Cahaba Heights will be March 14th. Older kids will be that Monday.

Cheerleading-

Jason reported that cheerleading is in the middle of transitioning to a new board. Carol will be coming off.

OTM Football-

Kirk McCulley is taking over for Hobson Nance. Kirk reported that everything went well. They finished up their season in November. All 9 teams made the playoffs. The annual meeting will be next month with registration in May. 5th grade team won the championship.

Seniors-

Julie wasn't present but Anne state that they are working on a long range social media calendar being developed for everything at parks and recreation.

Soccer-

Rocky stated that soccer had 6 teams attend the Disney Showcase in Orlando, no wins though.

Tommy asked about Let's Play Vestavia. Rocky said the tournament only had 3 generated teams. Per Steve Ammons, at the high school level you have to be on the schedule early. VLO is meeting to establish a date to look at for next year so that it can be promoted during the high school season so they can be a little more on top of it.

Wrestling-

Ed Johnson, they are starting to wrap up the season which was great season. They had 45 kids sign up. They have two more tournaments. The youth season ends January 31st. Some of the more advanced kids have won championships out of the state. They also sent two club members to the Dixie Nationals. One placed kid second and the other placed fifth. Both got All American status. The State Tournament will be January 31st. We will host it at the high school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 17th, 11:30 a.m. at the Egg & I.

COMMENTS

FUTSAL Court follow up-

Brian said he and Rocky have been discussing where the previously discussed FUTSAL court might be. Rocky came up with a good idea which is to put it in the warm up area a.k.a. Field 5 area at Liberty Park and it gives us that safety fence between McCallum Field. There will be no loss of space. Soccer will cover the cost of that fence. Down the road soccer is looking at a possible shade structure over the area. Tommy Coggin asked once we get the playing ground for FUTSAL where do we go with the FUTSAL program front that point? Brian said they will continue to pursue grants generate tournament and league revenue. Brian will send something out with more details this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Youth Wrestling
Rocky Harmon/VHSC
Kirk McCulley/OTM Football