



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, March 17th, Tommy Coggin called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:

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

Park Board Members absent were:

None

Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza

Present

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

Steve Ammons

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Lilla Hood made a motion to approve the January 2015 minutes. Steve Ammons seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Working on formation of senior citizen advisory board.
- BSL bubble down April 17th weekend.
- LVH/Barons baseball special needs camp April 21 at Wald.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Zaragoza stated that the new city hall building is on schedule. Sprouts, Chipotles, an AT&T satellite, Americas First Credit Union are all underway. Both sides of the highway will be developed.

We are working with our school system and the chamber of commerce in an effort to make Vestavia Hills a better place. There isn't anything going on in the city that they are not aware of. Also, we are working with the school on re-routing traffic.

Altadena Country Club has donated 70 acres of property to the city for a park. Meeting facilities, fields and other amenities will be developed. Tommy Dazzio informed the leagues that they will be informed when the park board meets about the donated property if it is suitable for fields. They will have to have some type of process to determine what types of fields are needed and most important. Tommy Coggin emphasized the boards of leagues be ready to access the needs, Tommy Dazzio suggested also they look at the last 5 years of numbers for trends.

Tommy Coggin thanked the Mayor, City council and City Manager Jeff Downes for their hard work.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Per Brian, the last 3 weeks have been tough in regards to the paving of roads but yesterday made some headway.

April 1st, the gateway should be complete by April 1st for sure. The library parking lot should be done by mid-April, if we get good weather. The engineer has looked at the sink hole between fields 1 and 2 at Wald Park and it looks fine.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Revision of Background Check Policy-

Steve Ammons had a question on item 5C on negative findings. The last part of the sentence..."and shall disclose such information only with authorization from applicant". Per Steve, the applicant already signs an authorization and release when they do the background check. They check a box saying, I understand their rights. He doesn't want it to be misconstrued. He reads it as, before we can disseminate to the sports board or anyone else, we have to have to wait on their authorization to do it.

Tommy Dazzio asked if there will be a similar disclosure with the other contractor. Steve said, yes. It's an authorization and release of the procurement of a civil criminal history. He said as long as the release states specifically that it is being released to Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation, and the sport boards or boards underneath Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation so that it will be all encompassing. Tommy Dazzio agreed with Steve.

Tommy stated that the main change is there is an appeals process in the event the applicant and the sports board want to appeal the negative finding for the disqualification. And there is also a change, for consistency purposes, that requires the sports boards to amend their by-laws to identify the categories of employees or volunteers that are subject to the background check. For example, the board would need to send something to Jason saying coaches are viewed as covered by the policy

so you are going to check these categories of employees or volunteers and put it in your by-laws for future boards.

Tommy Coggin asked for a motion to approve the Background Check Policy as amended. David Meyers made a motion to approve. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FOUNDATION REPORT-

Leigh Belcher with the Park Board Foundation reported the boards' main focus is finishing up the community park at SHAC. They have a meeting tomorrow to go over Ed Norton's finalized plan of what the amenities could look like and a draft of the budget to see how much more money they need to raise to get it finished. We were hoping to only need to raise about \$500,000. But the draft came in a little about that amount. The board wants to do a community forum type of event for residents at SHAC and get feedback from the Liberty Park residents before going forward with everything. It should be sometime in April or May.

POOL REPORT

Lilla stated the BSL coach is at junior nationals. They had 11 kids compete. The president of the board couldn't come but they said they will be at the next park board meeting. A new heater was installed in the fall that decreased their heating bill by about 50%. Also, they have installed new chlorinators. Bubble down date is the weekend of April 17th.

CONCESSION REPORT

Per Trent Turner, they have had a lot of cancellations due to weather.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

David Meyers said baseball is moving forward. Lacrosse, field 5 situation has been worked through. Working on lighting issues. Based on the report, they will move the field either left or right but for the moment are using field 5 as a multipurpose field.

Lilla Hood reported that in her understanding, VSA is making an agreement with BSL would help run the program but she hasn't seen anything on it as yet.

LEAGUE REPORTS-

Baseball-

Mitch Bevill stated that new turf is going in. The season started on Sunday.

Basketball-

Per Brian, one of our girls' teams won the championships.

Cheerleading-

Jason reported that Beth Martin is the new president.

Football-

Chad Long said they have decided to divide their divisions a little differently to accommodate a middle school league to be more in line with the school system. They will have a 1st, 2nd league, a 3rd grade league by themselves, a 4th, 5th, and then 6th, 7th, 8th. They are going to play alternate times to keep from running into field space issues.

JSYFL-

Tommy Coggin said he has not heard from JVYSL but has sent them an email. He did respond briefly.

Lacrosse-

Greg Harris said he thinks they finally have the fields lined after the specs were changed by U.S. Lacrosse. They will be hosting the JVYLA Lacrosse Jamboree April 25th on the grass soccer fields, 10-14.

Seniors-

Julie Harper reported the Vestavia Hills Art Association art show in the recreation center gym on Saturday.

Soccer-

Rocky Harmon presented the board with a check for about \$28,000.00 for spring fees which is the biggest check ever for registration.

They were able to get Top Soccer, which is a national program for developmentally challenged kids. They would like to use space on field 5 for fitness and training after the fence was is up. It starts April 12th. The fence needs to be up then. He needs 30 yards of dead space on field 5 by April 12th. Per Brian they are ordering lights. Per Tommy Dazzio, a removable fence was approved in order to keep it as a multipurpose field. The fence should be easily moved, in case it needs to be. Rocky wants the cage their all the time. Brian said the cage can be put up or down by the maintenance department.

Let's Play Vestavia had 2 lacrosse events.

Wrestling-

Scott Nailen report that January 31st the finished the season and it was a successful one. They had almost 50 kids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th, 11:30 a.m. at the Egg & I.

COMMENTS

Brian stated there is now a fence around the playground at SHAC.

Laura Woodruff addressed the board with concerns over baseball players and coaches throwing balls and misusing the walking track at Wald Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Chad Long/Flag Football

Mitch Bevill/VHYB

Trenton Turner/Turner Foods System

Greg Harris/Lacrosse

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Scott Nailen/Wrestling

Leigh Belcher/VHPRF