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Memorandum

September 3, 2015

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett
P & R Superintendent

RE: September Board Meeting

Please find the packet for the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center in Rooms 1 and 2.

The packet includes the following:

- Minutes from regular meeting on 7/21/2015
- Minutes from work session on 8/5/15
- Agenda for regular meeting on 9/15/2015
- Miscellaneous Reports

Please let BJ know if you won't be in attendance.

CC: Parks and Recreation Staff Members



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

ALBERTO "BUTCH"
ZARAGOZA

BRIAN C. DAVIS
DIRECTOR

CHRISTOPHER BRADY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

JULY 21st, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, July 21st, President Tommy Coggin called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were: Tommy Coggin, President
Anne Smyth, Vice President
Tommy Dazzio

Park Board Members absent were: Lilla Hood
David Meyers

Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons Absent

Parks and Recreation Staff Members: Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services
Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent
Juliet Harper, Activities Coordinator
B. J. Dubose, Office Supervisor

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance Anne Smyth

APPROVAL OF MAY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Tommy Dazzio made a motion to approve the May 19th, 2015 minutes. Lilla Hood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Parks and recreation is working with the chamber on the back to school event which will be held August 14th at 6 p.m.
- Brailsford & Dunleavy will give a public presentation of their findings on August 25th at 12.

President Coggin noted that Brailsford & Dunleavy will do individual reports for each sport. He thanked Jason and Brian for their help.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Absent.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Brian Davis, Public Services Director, reported that the new city hall building is set to be occupied October 3rd with a grand opening date of October 13th.

The work on Highway 31 is almost complete. There is just some stripping in a few places that needs to be done.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

SHAC Park Rules-

President Coggin asked if everyone had a chance to review the SHAC Park rules presented by Jason which are the same as all the other parks. He asked for a motion to approve the SHAC Park rules. Anne Smyth made a motion to approve the SHAC Park rules. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VHYB Rules-

Per President Coggin, asked for a motion to accept the VHYB (Vestavia Hills Youth Baseball) rules. Anne Smyth made a motion to approve the VHYB rules. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

President Coggins, he and city manager Jeff Downes have had several conversations about checking accounts over the next twelve months. The sports leagues should not be under the city's EIN #. All sports boards have been emailed regarding the city adding them under their certificate of general liability insurance.

Tommy Dazzio made a motion to add the word "HILLS" to the by-laws. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FOUNDATION REPORT-

None.

POOL REPORT

Per Jason Burnett, over 1,400 pool badges have been sold so far which is consistent with previous years. Lessons are about the same. Pool usage is up.

CONCESSION REPORT

Per Trent Turner, concessions is holding steady even with the cancellations of tournaments.

LIBERTY PARK TOURNAMENT UPDATE-

Jason Burnett reported in the absence of Jim Treest, that there will be a tournament August 13th through 16th. Then late October there will be 3 or 4 tournaments to close out the year.

LEAGUE REPORTS-

Baseball-

Bill Morrison stated baseball is looking at adding a 15-18 year old league. They should be completed by the September park board meeting for approval.

Cheerleading-

Per Jason Burnett, cheerleading camp will be Monday and Tuesday of next week here at the civic center. They have started practices already. Julie Harper added that the Liberty Park group will be at the New Merkle House in Cahaba Heights.

Flag Football-

Chad Long said they have registered over 300 kids.

Lacrosse-

Ashley Nance reported for David Powell that lacrosse is gearing up for the fall.

Seniors-

Per Julie Harper, August 21st is National Senior Citizen's Day. In celebration there will be wine and cheese at the Lodge from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Soccer-

Rocky Harmon said all nine board members returned home from the Arkansas Regionals. Out of twelve teams from Alabama, eight were from our club. Vestavia only had one team to advance to the finals.

Teen camp started last night.

Let's Play Vestavia-

Per Rocky, There was check sent to Leigh Belcher, with the Vestavia Hills Foundation, for summer participation.

Softball-

Tommy Dazzio reported softball has finished up and the Vortex teams are playing now.

Swimming-

VSA head coach, Michael Bottchen, reported swim registration closed on the 29th. They have had evaluations and practices start a week from today.

Wrestling-

Dave Johnston said wrestling had good participation. They are in their off season. Three kids went to Nashville. Two youth kids went to Nationals. Mountain Brook has brought a lot of kids over. A few of the club kids will go to Big Town in North Carolina.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be 11:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 5th at Egg & I.

COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Chad Long/Flag Football

Trenton Turner/Turner Foods System

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Ashley Nance/VLO

Bill Morrison/VHYB

Dave Johnston/VWC

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board

Work Session

8-5-15, 11:30am, Egg & I (700 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Tommy Coggin, Anne Smyth, Lilla Hood, Tommy Dazzio, David Myers, Jason Burnett, Butch Zaragoza, Brian Davis, Bill Morrison, Steve Ammons, Jim Treest

- VHYB formatting and field needs.
- Old Columbiana Field possible purchase.
- SHAC phase II park.
- Liberty Park softball fields 1-9 field improvements.



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2015

ALBERTO "BUTCH" ZARAGOZA
MAYOR

JASON BURNETT
SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of July 21, 2015 minutes and August 5, 2015 work session minutes.
4. Open Meetings Act presentation – Rebecca Leavings (city clerk)
5. Parks & Recreation Superintendent’s Report – Jason Burnett
6. Mayor’s Report – Butch Zaragoza
7. Public Services’ Report – Brian Davis
8. Old Business – None
9. New Business – Revised Field Use Policy
- 10.VHPR Foundation Report – Leigh Belcher
- 11.Pool Report – Candi Cole
- 12.Concession Report – Trent Turner
- 13.League Reports

Baseball – Bill Morrison	Seniors – Julie Harper
Basketball – Jackson Bryant (boys), Bill Smith (girls)	Soccer – Rocky Harmon Let’s Play Vestavia – Rocky Harmon
Cheerleading – Beth Martin	Softball – Greg Hulsey
Football – Chad Long (Flag), Kirk McCulley (OTM), Perry Towns (JSYFL)	Swimming – Mike Davidson
Lacrosse – David Powell/Ashley Nance	Wrestling – Scott Nailen

14.Upcoming meetings –

- a. Next planning meeting will be on _____ @ 11:30 a.m. at _____.
- b. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

15.Adjournment

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Baseball and Softball Field Use Policy

Revised: 9/10/2015

Adopted by Park Board __/__/2015

A. Baseball

1. Definitions: The terms below shall have the following meaning:

a. “Facilities” shall mean facilities owned by the City of Vestavia Hills or otherwise controlled by the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board, including Vestavia Hills Board of Education facilities that are used by Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation programs.

b. “VHYB Regular Season” shall mean: the VHYB spring season that starts in March and ends in April that has at least a 10 game season and a single elimination tournament.

c. “VHYB Post Season” shall mean: the VHYB season that starts in May and ends in June that includes open weekends so as to allow VHYB Post Season Select Teams to play in tournaments.

d. “VHYB Post Season Select Team” shall mean:

i. For ages 9-12: a team organized through VHYB for play during May and June with 100% of its players who participated in the VHYB Regular Season, but subject to paragraph 4(a)(iv) below.

ii. For ages 13-14: a team organized through VHYB for play during May and June with 80% of its players who participated in the VHYB Regular Season and/or Developmental League.

iii. VHYB Post Season Select Teams for all age groups are considered “select” by the fact the coach selects the entire team. These teams are not drafted teams by VHYB but are governed by VHYB.

iv. For ages 15-18: a team organized through VHYB with at least 50% of its players who are residents of Vestavia Hills. (See AHSAA 50% Rule).

e. “Sanctioned Travel Team” shall mean:

i. For ages 9-12: a team organized for play outside of the VHYB Regular

Season or VHYB Post Season with 80% of its players who are residents of Vestavia Hills and with 100% of its players participating in the VHYB Regular Season;

ii. For ages 13-14: a team organized for play outside of the VHYB Regular Season or VHYB Post Season with 80% of its players who are residents of Vestavia Hills;

ii. For ages 15-18: a team organized for play outside of the VHYB Regular Season or VHYB Post Season with at least 50% of the players who are residents of Vestavia Hills. (See AHSAA 50% Rule). If a team has any VHHS baseball members on the team the team cannot exceed 50% residents of Vestavia Hills.

f. "Travel Team" shall mean:

i. For ages 9-12: a team organized for play outside of the VHYB Regular Season or VHYB Post Season with 80% of its players who are residents of Vestavia Hills;

ii. For ages 13-14: a 13-14 year old Travel Team must meet the requirements of a "Sanctioned Travel Team" as set forth above in order to use the Facilities.

iii. For ages 15-18: a team organized for play outside of the VHYB Regular Season or VHYB Post Season with at least 50% of the players who are residents of Vestavia Hills. (See AHSAA 50% Rule). If a team has any VHHS baseball members on the team the team cannot exceed 50% residents of Vestavia Hills.

2. Coaches on Sanctioned Travel Teams, Travel Teams and VHYB Post Season Select Teams must be NCSS certified. Select Travel Teams and Travel Teams shall register with VHYB by submitting their team rosters to VHYB and to the Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent by the registration deadline set by VHYB.

3. As long as VHYB holds a VHYB Regular Season (with a time period as defined in the definition above) and a VHYB Post Season that starts by May 1 and ends June or July based upon age and final VHYB season schedule for VHYB Post Season Select Teams, the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board will not require any weekends off during the months of March, April and May.

4. Teams may have access to the baseball fields beginning on the following dates (subject to the priorities set forth in paragraph 6):

a. 9-12 year old Teams:

i. 9-12 year old VHYB Post Season Select Teams shall have access to Facilities beginning April 1st;

ii. 9-12 year old Sanctioned Travel Teams shall have access to Facilities beginning April 1st;

iii. 9-12 year old Travel Teams shall have access to Facilities beginning May 1st.

iv. **Exception:** In the event a 9-12 year old VHYB Post Season Select Team has fewer than 100% of its players but at least 75% of its players who participated in the VHYB Regular Season, only such VHYB Post Season Select Team members who participated in the VHYB Regular Season may have access to Facilities beginning April 1st. Beginning May 1st, those players who did not participate in the VHYB Regular Season may practice with the entire team and have access to use such Facilities.

b. 13-14 year old teams:

i. 13-14 year old VHYB Post Season Teams shall have access to Facilities beginning February 1st;

ii. 13-14 year old Sanctioned Travel Teams and 13-14 Year old Travel Teams shall have access to facilities beginning March 1st.

c. 15-18 year old teams: All 15-18 year old teams shall have access to facilities beginning February 1st.

5. Penalties:

a. Any VHYB Post Season Team; Sanctioned Travel Team or Travel Team in violation of these rules shall be subject to the following penalties:

i. First violation: Such team shall lose 1 week of practice;

ii. Second violation: Such team shall lose 2 weeks of practice;

iii. Third violation: Such team is disqualified from using any Facilities for 90 days.

b. Teams that are not VHYB Regular Season Teams, Travel Teams or VHYB Post Season Teams pursuant to this policy may use the Facilities only with express permission from the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Department. Any coach or team manager in violation of this rule 5(b) will have one warning and then shall be suspended from using the Facilities for the remainder of the calendar year, regardless of whether such coach or team manager later becomes affiliated with a VHYB team, Sanctioned Travel Team or Travel Team.

6. All tournament team field time will be scheduled by VHYB in a fair and equitable manner. Priority for use of the Facilities shall be as follows:

a. February – April:

- i. VHYB Regular Season teams and VHYB clinics shall have first priority;
- ii. VHYB Post Season Select Teams shall have second priority;
- iii. Sanctioned Travel Teams shall have third priority; and

b. May –July:

- i. VHYB Post Season Select Teams shall have first priority;
- ii. Sanctioned Travel Teams shall have second priority; and
- iii. Travel Teams shall have last priority.

7. Scheduling; Limitations:

a. Each VHYB Regular Season Team shall have, weather permitting:

- i. up to two practice slots in the preseason,
- ii. one practice slot during the season,

b. Each VHYB Post Season Select Team shall have:

- i. one practice slot per week during March and April,
- ii. up to two practice slots per week during May and June,
- iii. up to 2 game slots per week (Exception: A Post Season Select Team may have more than two game slots per week if the additional game slots are played as part of a tournament organized through VHYB) during May and June.
- iv. These slots are not guaranteed, and are subject to availability, priorities and weather conditions.

c. Each Sanctioned Travel Team and Travel Team shall have, beginning in May:

- i. up to two practice slot per week and
- ii. one game slot per week.
- iii. These slots are not guaranteed, and are subject to availability, priorities and weather conditions.

d. For greater certainty, VHYB Post Season Select Teams, Sanctioned Travel Teams and Travel Teams shall have equal priority in May and June for the slots allocated in Sections 7(b) and (c) above. However, when slots are limited due to weather or other conditions, the priority system set forth in Section 6 shall prevail. Extra practices slots shall be provided through the VHYB field coordinator if field space is available and all the above requirements have been met.

e. VHYB will designate a Board Member or contractor hired by VHYB to be the

principal contact for VHYB Regular Season Teams, VHYB Post Season Select Teams, Sanctioned Travel Teams and Travel Teams and will coordinate scheduling for all practices, games and tournaments.

8. Grievances: the designated Board Member or contractor hired by VHYB to coordinate practices, games and tournaments shall allocated field space in a fair and equitable manner and according to the rules and priorities set forth in this policy. Grievances regarding scheduling, practice slots or game slots that cannot be resolved by discussion with the VHYB designated Board Member or contractor shall be handled as follows:

a. The team or individual with the grievance shall first discuss the grievance with the VHYB Vice President or VHYB President;

b. If the grievance is still not resolved, the team or individual may appeal to the Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent;

c. If the grievance remains unresolved, the team or individual may appeal to the Parks and Recreation Board by notifying the superintendent, who shall then notify the Parks and Recreation Board.

9. Pitching rules will apply to VHYB games (pitching on travel teams outside VHYB will not be counted and it will be the responsibility of each parent or guardian to determine the appropriate participation in pitching activities for travel team players). The VHYB pitch count rules shall be published by VHYB so that parents are aware of the rules. Registration will ask parents if a child plans to participate in play outside VHYB with a parental indication of willingness to pitch and or catch for purposes of VHYB play (this is to assist coaches in drafting of team).

10. VHYB will have first priority use of Cahaba Heights baseball fields for kids 8 and under from February 1st through June 30th. VHYB will have first priority use of fields at Wald Park and first priority of the days/times designated for baseball at Liberty Park as agreed upon in cooperation with softball and Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board.

B. Softball

1. Vestavia Hills Girls Softball Association (“VHGSA”) shall publish its beginning and ending dates for each season.

2. A Tournament Team shall be defined as a team with at least 9 players who participated in VHGSA’s regular season. Coaches on Tournament Teams must be NCSS certified. Tournament Teams shall register with VHGSA by submitting their team rosters to VHGSA by March 31st.

3. Tournament Team Practices & Games – Wednesday’s after 6, Saturdays after VHGSA games (projected to be after 6) and Sunday’s after 6 will be available for registered Tournament Team use. Tournament Teams may also schedule LAST priority open field slots as available during the week. The last-priority slots and Wednesday's may be bumped by VHGSA for rescheduling and makeup purposes. However, Saturday and Sunday evenings will be completely reserved for registered Tournament Team use. No Tournament Team practices are allowed prior to February 15th.

4. VHGSA will have 100% exclusive use of softball fields for kids 9 and under. For ages 10-12, fields will only be available for VHGSA and VHGSA sanctioned Tournament Teams.

5. If a Tournament Team has less than 9 players on its team that participate in VHGSA’s regular season, or if such tournament team detracts from Vestavia Hills recreational leagues, they will not be able to use Vestavia Hills facilities until after June 1st (then subject to last-priority slots and subject to field usage rules and cost).

C. Exemptions:

At the discretion of the Board, Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation reserves the right to 1) allow exemptions for organizations that do not detract from Vestavia Hills recreational leagues or 2) allow field use to elite organizations not affiliated with Vestavia Hills which provide significant economic impact to the City.

Spring 2015 Baseball Proposal:

1. VHYB will facilitate two baseball experiences consisting of Regular Season and Post-Season.
 - Change in terminology.
 - Rec Baseball will be referred to as “Regular Season League”.
 - All-Stars/Travel Baseball will be referred to as “Post Season League”.
 - All teams will be assessed a fee to use fields for practices and games.
 - Currently every player that plays baseball through VHYB is assessed a fee of \$50.00 per player for capital improvements.
 - \$25.00 is paid to Vestavia Parks and Recreation and \$25.00 is retained by VHYB.
 - Travel teams do not currently pay this \$50.00 per player fee for capital improvements unless they play other metro teams in games or scrimmages. This is likely to change.
 - Ages 4-8 will see very little change in what is currently offered. (This is based on current conversations with VHYB Board, Metro Baseball leadership and other parks. Our current VPs for the age group will be involved in any decisions to move another direction).
 - Intend to remain in the Metro All-Star format after Regular Season.
 - Regular season and World Series will conclude mid-May followed by all-stars.
 - Calendar will look very similar to what it looks like now.
 - Ages 9-12
 - Regular Season League will be drafted teams using a snake draft.
 - 10 game minimum regular season games plus a World Series.
 - Regular Season games and World Series will conclude by May 1st.
 - Post Season play will be in May and June.
 - Separate registration with additional costs.
 - 9 year olds may have a shorter post-season than 11 year olds due to arm protection.
 - Post Season Teams will coach selected just like travel teams are now.
 - Teams will compete in at least two divisions: AAA and AA. There may be a need for a third Single-A division depending on the number of teams from other parks.
 - Teams from Vestavia will compete in a Round Robin tournament for each age group to determine division (AAA, AA, or A) assignments.
 - We are recommending an outside person be hired as coordinator to schedule games and evaluate teams in the Post-Season League.
 - Working with other parks to develop a Metro championship tournament for each division. These details are still in negotiation but here are some ideas being “floated”.
 - A minimum of 6-8 “Metro sanctioned” pool games to determine seeding for Metro Championship Tournaments. These games will be played on weekdays.

- Parks will host open weekend tournaments so travel teams from anywhere can enter and play. So, there may be a team from Montgomery or Huntsville that plays.
 - Strengths of this plan
 - Retain more baseball players in Regular Season baseball which will increase the number of teams and level of competition.
 - This will open up more opportunities for more boys to play baseball after the regular season.
 - Post Season teams who want to play more baseball after the Metro Championship can go play tournaments
 - Not limited to current all-star format.
 - This format will allow 12 year old teams who plan to go to Cooperstown or Omaha the opportunity to play in the Regular Season League and have plenty of time to prepare the teams for Cooperstown.
- Age 13
 - This age group will be Tailor made each year based on the level of participation.
 - Will include a legitimate Regular season made up of drafted 13 year olds 14 year olds who are not participating in the High School Prep League.
 - Will include an opportunity for pre-selected teams made up of players who want to pursue the track that will lead to high school tryouts.
 - May or may not include competing for a Metro Championship dependent upon interest.
- Age 14
 - Players who do not plan to try-out for the high school team will participate with 13 year olds in regular season play.
 - Will provide a High School Prep League details of which will be approved by VHYB.
- Ages 15-18
 - Provide a 15-16 year old league competing against other metro area teams.
 - Provide a 17-18 year old league competing against other metro area teams.

2. Impact on Field Space

- The compacted season will impact the number of slots for practices and games.
 - City of Vestavia has already approved 49K to update fields 5-9 at Liberty Park so baseball and softball can use them.
 - Parks and Rec is developing a plan to add batting cages at Liberty Park that will be funded by the City and matching funds from VHYB.
- Field use policy (Pending Parks and Rec Revision) WIP

3. Fees

- Currently VHYB pays Parks and Rec a \$25.00 per player fee for every player who registers through VHYB for upkeep and capital improvements.
- Currently VHYB retains a \$25.00 per player fee for every player who registers through VHYB for upkeep and capital improvements.

- Currently travel teams do not contribute fees to Parks and Rec or VHYB, unless they play other metro teams in games or scrimmages.
- Parks and Rec will continue to be paid \$25.00 for every player who registers through VHYB.
- VHYB will continue to collect a per player fee TBD for every player who registers through VHYB. I will be proposing to The VHYB Board that we contract out the scheduling of fields for games and practices and the maintenance of the VHYB website, including registration, which will likely increase the VHYB fee to approximately \$40.00 per player.
 - All teams, regular season and post-season will register through VHYB.
 - All travel teams will register through VHYB. Those who do not register through VHYB for regular season will pay the same fee per player as is charged to players who participate in VHYB regular and post-season.
 - Parks and Rec charges \$25.00 per player and if VHYB charges \$40.00 per player during registration, a fee of \$65.00 will be embedded in the registration cost in addition to the costs of umpires, uniforms, etc.
 - A travel team unaffiliated with VHYB that is made up of 10 players from Vestavia would pay \$650.00 to use the fields; 12 players would pay \$780.00.
 - Add an additional \$25.00 per player if they are non-Vestavia residents.
 - Each player will pay this fee once annually (January through December).

Proposed by-law changes:

VPs coaching sons in other age group Article I, Section 6: ~~Executive Committee members cannot head coach.~~ Executive Committee members cannot head coach in the age group they represent on the Board. If an issue arises that involves the age group in which an Executive Committee member is head coach, he or she will not be present during the discussion or vote concerning the issue. Does not include Fall Baseball or Post-Season Baseball.

Adding a 3rd VP: Article I, Section 1 ~~First Vice President (in charge of ages 9-18), Second Vice President (in charge of ages 5-8),~~ First Vice President (in charge of ages 13-18), Second Vice President (in charge of ages 9-12), Third Vice President (in charge of ages 4-8),
(Take effect with 2015-16 VHYB Board).

Let's Play Vestavia Report for the Parks and Recreation Board September 2015

We had a productive summer at the SHAC. The events held at this facility included:

Birmingham Hammers Home Matches
Stickhead Sunday Night Men's LAX League
LAX Camp with D1 FinishLine
LAX Camp with GBYLA

We are hosting 20- some regional soccer games through LPV in October, and are in negotiations to bring back the Hammers for a full league schedule next summer.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Harmon
VestaviaEvents LLC



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Soccer Club Report for Parks and Recreation Board September 2015

Fall soccer is in full swing. We have a new world record for recreational registrations, as we are at 773 as of today (previous high was 727), so we are very excited about the fall season.

Our competitive program stayed the exact same size (46 teams), and just about every team got stronger, so we have high hopes for this year.

Our community based initiatives like our Reading Buddies and free ACT Prep Classes are in full swing, and our special needs TopSoccer Program returns this fall for its second season on September 20th.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Rocky Harmon
Executive Director**

VHGSA Report For Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation Board – September 2015

Registration for Rec Fall Ball just ended, and will begin our season this Sunday the 13th with our first practices. We have 103 girls registered for ages 6U – 12U. We will have practices on 9/13 & 9/20, and then games every Sunday from 9/27 – 10/18. In addition, we will offer our optional skills clinics for ages 8U – 12U on Monday nights. Something new this fall is that we will be offering pitching lessons on Saturdays with a former college pitcher who has agreed to work with our players.

We also have four Vortex teams this fall, with two teams in 12U and two in 10U. These teams have already begun playing tournaments and will continue doing so until mid-November. We have required all Vortex players to register this fall through the VHGSA website.

We want to thank Parks & Rec for partnering with us on the new shade structures at Liberty Park Fields 1-4. We have already received many positive comments from our parents on these.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hulsey
VHGSA President