



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

January 19th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, January 19th, President Tommy Coggin called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Anne Smyth, President David Myers, Vice President Tommy Coggin Tommy Dazzio Earl Lawson
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 Juliet Harper, Activities Coordinator
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Earl Lawson

President Coggins welcomed newest park board member, Earl Lawson to the board.

He also opened the floor for 2016 board president and vice president nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons nominated Anne Smyth for president. Tommy Dazzio seconded the nomination. Tommy Dazzio nominated David Myers for vice president. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. The gavel was turned over to President Smyth.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17th, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

David Myers made a motion to approve the July 21st, 2015 minutes. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Steve Ammons abstained.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10TH, 2015 WORK SESSION MINUTES

David Myers made a motion to approve the October 8th minutes. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Specialty Turf finished fields 1 and 4. Fields 2 and 3 are left. Softball is pleased with the progress. They will meet with Specialty Turf on occasion when softball and baseball can help.
- Batting cage project on field 6 has had a change in placement of batting cages.
- Pool resurfacing is on hold waiting on the performance bond from Clearwater Pools.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Sales tax revenue was up by 8% in the 1st quarter.
- Commercial and residential construction is increasing.
- The city council approved \$599,000 for Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex Community Park.
- Patchwork Farms continues to grow. Publix to open by Thanksgiving.
- The old city hall building has been demolished. Chick-Fil-A should open June 1st.
- The city is working with the county on moves to help redo Acton Road.
- The school board has purchased the property next to Cahaba Heights Elementary School.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

From Brian Davis,

- We are working with the Board of Education on working together.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Per Leigh Belcher, reported that a Liberty Park resident has offered in kind work for the new community park. They are about to kick off the campaign for the park. They will get started in March.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Park Rules-

Brian explained that these are recommendations to go to the council for the approval. The alcohol policy changed. Steve Ammons made a motion to approve. David Myers seconded. The vote was unanimous.

POOL REPORT

None.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Per Trent Turner, things have been quiet the past couple months.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball-

Bill Morrison reported that they plan to have 11 and 12 year-olds play in a tournament in August. 3 and 4 area parks are to participate. They have had 970 kids to register so far.

Basketball-

None.

Cheerleading-

Per Jason, they are about to elect a new board. Mindy Tarrant is the new president.

Flag Football-
None.

OTM-
None.

JSYFL-
None.

Lacrosse-
Rachel Harwell reported that their numbers have almost doubled. They have had about 250 boys and girls to sign up.

Seniors-
Julie reported they've had over 200 participate in the Olli group.

Soccer-
Per Rocky Harmon, reported they have been off since January 3rd. A bunch of teams went to the Disney Classic. A few did good. Spring practice starts tonight.

Let's Play Vestavia-
Per Rocky, there will be an Ultimate Frisbee competition tonight. The FUTSAL court is full speed ahead.

Softball-
Greg Hulsey reported they've been offered the opportunity to host our area state wide youth softball tournament at Liberty Park, June 16th through 18th. Evaluations February 6th. As of this morning only had 70 players to register so far, which is less than half of last spring. There should be a big push the last two weeks of registration. Monday they will have a coach's clinic.

Swimming-
No report.

Wrestling-
Tommy Dazzio reported the state youth tournament will be February 6th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next work session will be 11:30 a.m., February 17th at the Egg & I.

COMMENTS

Resident Martin Maners approached the board with his concerns about the field use policy for 14 year olds. He requested it be modified as he feels it discriminates against almost half of the 14 year olds players. He wants the board to grant them equal access to the fields and that priority of 60 – 90 fields should be to 14 year olds.

Per Anne, the board will take his comments under advisement but will need to consult with the city attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Tommy Coggin made a motion to adjourn. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Leigh Belcher/VHPRF
Martin Maners/Resident
Rachel Harwell
Trenton Turner/Concessions
Tab Whisenhunt/Resident
Greg Hulsey/VHGSA
Bill Morrison/VHYB