

**City of Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation  
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## **Memorandum**

January 5, 2018

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett  
P & R Superintendent

RE: Park Board Meeting

Please find the packet for the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Hills City Hall executive conference room (1032 Montgomery Hwy).

The packet includes the following:

- Agenda for regular meeting on 1/16/2018
- Minutes from regular meeting on 11/21/2017
- Minutes from special called meeting 12/5/2017
- Minutes from work session on 12/5/2017
- 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 BOARD MEETING  
 January 16, 2018

ASHLEY CURRY  
 MAYOR

JASON BURNETT  
 SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Nomination and Appointment of 2018 Park Board President and Vice-President
4. Approval of November 21, 2017 minutes
5. Approval of December 5, 2017 minutes
6. Approval of December 5, 2017 work session minutes
7. Parks & Recreation Superintendent's Report – Jason Burnett
8. Mayor's Report – Ashley Curry
9. Public Services Director's Report – Brian Davis
10. Old Business – Review of Park Board By-Laws Revisions. No Action to be taken at this meeting (This item was tabled from previous work session 12-5-17).
11. New Business – Spring Baseball field modifications
12. VHPR Foundation Report – Leigh Belcher
13. Pool Report – Phillip Wood
14. Concession Report – Trent Turner

15. League Reports

Baseball – Bill Morrison	Seniors – Julie Harper
Basketball – Wade Kaiser (boys), Patrick Osborne (girls)	Soccer – Rocky Harmon Let's Play Vestavia – Rocky Harmon
Cheerleading – Allison Herr	Softball – Sam Yother
Football – Jennifer Weaver (Flag), Mark Sasser (OTM), Steve Taylor (JSYFL)	Swimming – Rebecca Hartsough
Lacrosse – Rachel Harwell	Wrestling – Scott Nailen

16. Upcoming meetings –

- a. Next work session will be on \_\_\_\_\_ @ 11:30 a.m. at \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

17. Adjournment



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

ASHLEY C. CURRY  
MAYOR

BRIAN C. DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

CHRISTOPHER BRADY  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, President David Myers called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	David Myers, President Earl, Lawson, Vice President Kirk McCulley Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	Tommy Coggin
Mayor Ashley Curry	Present
Council Representative Paul Head	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Jason Burnett, Superintendent Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services B. J. Dubose, Office Supervisor
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Kirk McCulley

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MEMBER TOMMY COGGIN**

Per President Myers, Tommy couldn't attend today's meeting due to a personal commitment so we will make the presentation at another time. But he wanted to thank Tommy for his time and service.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> WORK SESSION MINUTES**

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup> work session minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

- Thanks to Melanie for putting together the annual Veteran's Day program at New Merkel and to Brian for being the emcee. Honored 20, which included veterans and spouses of deceased veterans.
- Our administrative staff just completed CPR/AED training class with our fire department, good for two years.
- Road at Wald Park will be closed for school construction through Feb 1.
- Basketball is at an all-time high with a total of 147 teams and 1,023 boys and girls, with this being the first year over 1,000 kids.
- Getting ready for Holiday in the Hills festivities with tree lighting at city hall on Nov 28 at 6pm, Breakfast with Santa at the Dogwood Room on Dec 9 at 7:30am, and then the LP Parade on Dec 10 at 2pm.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Curry visited the ribbon cutting of the new wrestling facility and stated that it was a nice facility. He informed the board that the possible Gresham acquisition should be forthcoming, which would gain some recreational facilities for the city. Also, the deadline for park board applications is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

Per Brian Davis, December 9<sup>th</sup> after the breakfast with Santa, there will be a ribbon cutting for the new trails at McCallum Park. President Myers thanked Brian for his work on the trails and the foundation as well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Park Board By-Laws Revisions**

Earl Lawson gave a statement of how the park board by-laws were in need of updating and revision. He submitted the revised by-laws to the park board for their approval which would bring them current with Alabama code. They are to be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

President Myers scheduled a special call meeting for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 to review the by-laws with the work session to follow.

## **PARK FOUNDATION REPORT**

Per Leigh Belcher, the summer was great at SHAC Park. The pavilion has been rented often. The splash pad is a hit. About 200 attended the grand opening. They have been approached by many people interested in helping with future fundraising for a dog park, and if awarded a grant an amphitheater, as well. President Myers thanked Leigh for all their help.

## **POOL REPORT**

No representative, no report.

## **CONCESSIONS REPORT**

No representative. Report included in packet.

## **LEAGUE REPORTS**

### **Baseball**

Per Tammy, they have 13 and 14 year old development teams with 48 kids each, eight professional coaches, 48 in 13 year old development 370 participating and 1,200 for spring.

### **Boys' Basketball**

Patrick Osbourne reported registration ended the end of October with 196. The jamboree was last weekend. The season starts December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Girls Basketball**

No representative, no report.

### **Cheerleading**

No representative, no report.

### **Flag Football**

Mitch Bevill reported they had approximately 304 kids last season. They sent out a survey and have received no bad responses. The concessions were great.

### **OTM Football**

Mark Sasser reported that things are going well. They finished season three weeks ago.

### **JSYFL**

No representative, no report.

### **Lacrosse**

Per Rachel, registration ends next week. They had 20 teams this year. They are hoping to see an increase.

### **Seniors**

No representative, no report.

### **Soccer**

Per Rocky Harmon, two weeks ago they went to Foley and won five state championships for U19. Their junior and senior girl's teams both won state championships.

### **Let's Play Vestavia**

Per Rocky, it's status quo, no issues.

### **Softball**

No representative, no report.

### **Swimming**

No representative, no report.

## **WRESTLING**

Dave Johnston stated that the new wrestling facility opened on time. He thanked everyone who supported them. He invited everyone to check it out. They have between 50 and 60 kids but hope for around 70. He also introduced their new head coach, James Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson has travelled around the country training and stated that our new facility is one of the best in the country. President Myers thanked the wrestling board for what they have done through the years.

## **COMMENTS**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special called meeting set for December 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss park board by-laws with the work session to immediately afterwards.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Earl Lawson, Anne Smyth seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

## **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Wrestling Club

Patrick Osborne/Girls Basketball

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Rachel Harwell/VCO

Mark Sasser/OTM Football

Mitch Bevill/VHFF

Leigh Belcher/VHPRF

James Nicholson/Wrestling

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board

Work Session Agenda

12-5-17, 11:45am, City Hall (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Kirk McCulley, David Myers, Earl Lawson, Anne Smyth, Tommy Coggin, Jason Burnett, Brian Davis

1. Community Spaces Update (Kevin Overton, TCU)
2. Miscellaneous Sport Liaison Updates
3. Liberty Park Tournament schedule and contract discussion
4. VHPR Survey ideas

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board  
12-5-17, 11:30pm, City Hall (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Anne Smyth, David Myers, Tommy Coggin, Earl Lawson, Kirk McCulley, Jason Burnett, Brian Davis

Special called Park Board meeting:

Agenda

Park Board By-Laws Revisions

Motion to table this item to another time: Anne Smyth

2<sup>nd</sup>: Earl Lawson

Discussion: Allow more time for city attorney to review and Paul Head was unable to attend due to an unexpected business trip.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Recognition of outgoing Park Board member Tommy Coggin.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Earl Lawson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kirk McCulley

Guests in attendance:

Kevin Ulch



## VHYB Field Modifications Spring 2018

1. VHYB would like permission to add 70' base paths to LP 1. This would accommodate age groups through age 12. STS has given us an estimate for \$5300.00 for the conversion and an additional \$500.00 to relocate a sprinkler head. (Pending VHYB Board approval on January 21, 2018.)
2. VHYB would like permission to add 80' base paths to LP9. (Pending the receiving of an estimate from STS and VHYB Board approval on January 21, 2018.)
3. Also, VHYB would like to be the "gatekeeper" for all baseball scheduling for baseball fields managed by Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board during the months of January through June of each calendar year. We have enlisted Chad Long as our Director of Operations. Part of his duties is to schedule fields. We would accommodate any baseball team that meets the residency requirements as set forth by Parks and Rec (currently 80%). We would make concessions in the price of registration if teams furnished their own uniforms, chose not to get pictures, or use other VHYB services. This would ensure that all Parks and Rec fees are collected through VHYB. Further, it will ensure that VHYB is able to collect from all baseball teams the fees we embed in the cost of registration for the upkeep of batting cages. This would be a more fair system to all the residents of Vestavia who pay for the upkeep of batting cages by playing through VHYB.

## Flag Football

With Mitch Bevill's appointment to the Parks and Rec board he has resigned from the Flag Football Presidency. Jennifer Weaver will become President until Feb 28, 2018. On March 1st Terry Sparks has agreed to become President and then Jennifer will become past president.



# **VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB**

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## **Soccer Club Report for Parks and Recreation Board January 2018**

**This is a pretty quiet time for youth soccer, but we did have our older teams compete in Showcase events in Raleigh, North Carolina and Orlando, Florida- in front of a large number of college coaches. Results were varied, with our u14 team, Steamers 04 Black, reaching the finals at Disney.**

**As for Spring soccer, recreational registration is on-going through mid-February**

**Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.**

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

## Let's Play Vestavia Report for the Parks and Recreation Board January 2018

We have hosted several Adult pick-up soccer rentals, as well a weekend of Ultimate Disc.

Other than that, it seems like it is too cold!

We closed the 2017 books, and were up about 25% over previous years.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rocky Harmon  
VestaviaEvents LLC

## Vestavia Hills Girls Softball Association

### January 2018 – Monthly Report

The VHGSA currently has registration open for the spring rec season for girls aged 4-12. Registration is scheduled to close on January 31, 2017. We are hopeful to match player participation as seen in prior years and are excited about having access to The Exchange Field at Wald Park in addition to our fields at Liberty Park.

Key dates for this spring season include:

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Player evaluations
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Practices begin
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Closing Day for the regular season.

The Vestavia Swim Association Board (VSA) met on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. First, there was a unanimous vote to invite Nick Lambert back as our head coach. Second, the Board discussed whether we wanted to host an invitational meet on a weekend at Wald Park this summer to increase funds for our emergency expenses. We would like to host a meet, but there may be problems with the equipment required so this will need to be researched further. Third, a board member raised the question of whether VSA falls under the umbrella of the city and whether this extends to insurance and workers comp for our employees. We will need to continue to look into these questions.