

**City of Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation
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Memorandum

January 10, 2020

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett
Superintendent

RE: Park Board Meeting

Please find the packet for the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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 1/21/2020
- Minutes from regular meeting on 11/19/2019
- Minutes from work session on 12/16/2019
- 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 21, 2020

ASHLEY CURRY
MAYOR

JASON BURNETT
SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Nomination and Approval of 2020 Park Board President and Vice-President
4. Approval of November 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes
5. Approval of December 16, 2019 work session minutes
6. Recreation Superintendent's Report – Jason Burnett
7. Seniors & Programming Superintendent's Report – Sandi Wilson
8. Mayor's Report – Ashley Curry
9. Public Services Director's Report – Brian Davis
10. Old Business – None
11. New Business – Pool Membership Fees
12. VHPR Foundation Report – Leigh Belcher
13. Concession Report – Frank Hernandez

14. League Reports

Baseball – Efrain Horta	Lacrosse – Kirk Abernathy
Basketball (Boys) – Neil Gilbert	Soccer – Rocky Harmon
Basketball (Girls) – Dave Stricklin	Softball – Chad Gay
Cheerleading – Elise Hollinhead	Swimming – Rebecca Hartsough
Football (Flag) – Terry Sparks	Volleyball – Aarin Mitchell
Football (Tackle) – Scott Hughen	Wrestling – Scott Nailen

15. Citizen Comments

16. Upcoming meetings –

a. Next work session will be on _____ @ 11:30 a.m. at _____.

b. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

17. Motion for Adjournment



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

ASHLEY C. CURRY
MAYOR

BRIAN C. DAVIS
DIRECTOR

CHRISTOPHER BRADY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

November 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, November 19th, President Kirk McCulley called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were: Kirk McCulley, President
Mitch Bevill, Vice President
Lyles Box

Park Board Members absent were: Earl Lawson
David Myers

Mayor Ashley Curry Present

Council Representative Paul Head Present

Parks and Recreation Staff Members: Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services
Jason Burnett, Parks & Rec Superintendent
Sandi Wilson, Programming Superintendent
B. J. Dubose, Administrative Supervisor

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mitch Bevill

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – OUTGING MEMBER DAVID MYERS

President Kirk McCulley recognized outgoing park board member David Myers with a plaque from the park board in appreciation of his service. David was not present.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the September 17th regular meeting minutes. Lyles Box made a motion to approve. Paul Head seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18th WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the August 23rd work session minutes. Lyles Box made a motion to approve. Paul Head seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Just had an Eagle Scout project finished at McCallum Park with a new kiosk that includes park layout and bulletin board.
- Holiday in the Hills Festivities coming up. Dec 3rd tree lighting at city hall, Dec 7th Breakfast with Santa at Rec Center Dogwood room, Dec 8th City Parade at Liberty Park.

- When we closed Wald Park pool, we moved BSL, VSA and city equipment to storage at Gold's gym. BSL now has removed their items to their own personal storage and VSA has gone through their inventory on what they want to be saved in preparation for the new pool.
- New Merkel had their annual Veteran's Day celebration to honor our senior members there at the facility.
- I notified the sports that we will need their year-end financials and signed financial control policy by Nov 30.

MAYORS REPORT

The seniors who used the Lodge are now in the Dogwood Room and are pleased. Related to McCallum Park, he was called by a resident at Town Village, Mr. Duke, who is in a wheel chair. Mr. Duke showed him the split rail fencing had rotted. He thanked Brian for his public service staff for repairing the railing and clearing the hedges.

Also, there have been a lot of questions about the pool and the ballfields completion date. He said we are on schedule and should be ready on time.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Brian introduced Sandi Wilson who will head up our senior citizens program beginning January 2nd.

He asked Raynor Boles to give the park board an update on the community spaces project. Raynor informed the board of the following:

Cahaba Heights- looks incredible, all netting posts are up, about half a million dollars' worth of storm piping will be in this week which will fix drainage issues. The turf will go in this winter. Lots of extra parking, some really nice fields and park will be coming on line late spring early summer. The mayor mentioned that it is really important that we keep promoting is that it is no longer known as the Cahaba Ballfields but now is the Cahaba Park.

Wald Park- Wald Park is two and a half times the size of Cahaba. So with that comes more hurdles. We all knew it was old and needed renovation but once they got into it, they realized it needed a lot more. Around the concessions stand was a spider web of wiring. With that said, they are tracking first of March. The minute something is different he will be coming to the team. They will end up gutting it. The old dugouts will be majorly cleaned up. They will cut holes in them. You'll see all the drainage. There's going to be turf around the perimeter of the infield to help drainage. With the fields themselves they are going to over seed a wintery mix probably mid-December. So that when the new growth comes up in growing season next year it will choke out that wintery mix.

Miracle Field- Same type of deal there. An athletic surface manufacturer is not going to warranty their product in Birmingham, Alabama from Thanksgiving through February. You have to have at least 4 or 5 days above 50 degrees and sunny. Everything is going to be ready. And then we'll put that surface down in March, early April. And by the end of April Miracle Field will be up and running.

Wald Park Pool- There no issues. It's coming along. We're working through any problems.

They have four playground firms identified and trying to narrow it down to one. Once we get that playground vendor on board, we have a basis of design. Then we come out and schedule several community meetings to talk about equipment and what is wanted. There will be three playgrounds at Wald Park and one at Cahaba Heights. It will all be done as one package. They won't be available March 1. Only the baseball areas, pool and rest of the complex.

You will hear more about phase III, the tennis courts soon. We got really bad pricing on that. That's because no one knew what they were getting into up on that high side. Now when you go up there, we have cut

everything down, regraded it, put in storm piping, getting it to finish grade. It will much more attractive for contractors to come work on top of it.

Mitch said he has been asked numerous times if pickle ball will be at Wald. Brian said, no. Because you can't put pickle ball courts on regulation tennis courts and have high school and middle school sanctioned events. So we are putting six indoor courts at the community building and outdoor courts at SHAC.

The mayor asked about the final preliminary plan for the community building. Per Raynor, TCU is presenting to the council on Monday where they sit. Their 95% estimate came back high. They have done some redesign work to bring it back down. The mayor said he thinks it's important for the council to look at the plan and persevere. He wants to finish it the way we planned. Raynor said the changes are not visible to the naked eye.

SHAC- Building permits through. They should see dirt moving soon. The budget came in great there.

Also, Brian reported that they are working with Ed Norton to potentially come back to the council to redo the turf at SHAC probably a year from now.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Miracle League Operations

Jason said the Miracle League Operations will fall under the parks and recreation umbrella. He recommends it be run with the help of volunteers who have run the Miracle League in the past. The Miracle League Field should be ready in April. In anticipation of this being approved, Jason has met with Mitch Cleveland who has run it for several years. He is all onboard to continue doing it. He has his volunteers, his coaches and knows how it should work. We are hoping to grow the program under our leadership and will really appreciate Mitch Cleveland and all his expertise and basically taking it and running it. He is presenting it to the board for its approval.

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the Miracle League Operations. Mitch Bevill made a motion to approve the Miracle League Operations. Lyles Box seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Rec Fees Waived for Miracle League

Mitch stated that the park board would waive the city rec fee for the Miracle League registrants permanently. They are looking at charging \$30 per child for registration.

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve permanently waiving the residential and non-residential city parks and recreation fee for the Miracle League. Mitch Bevill made a motion to approve permanently waiving the residential and non-residential city parks and recreation fee for the Miracle League. Lyles Box seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Per Brian, they are working hard.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Brian stated that he and Jason opened proposals and have received two. They sent out 8 to 10. After evaluating the two they have. He and Jason will present them to the park board.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball

No representative. No report.

Boys' Basketball

Per Jason, it's another record breaking year for registrations. They have increased every year. They have about 850 boys registered.

Girls Basketball

Per Jason, it's another record breaking year for registrations. They have increased every year. They have about 250 girls registered. The girls have a jamboree this Saturday. The regular season games kick off first Saturday in December.

Cheerleading

No representative. No report.

Flag Football

Mitch stated they had a record breaking year with approximately 380 kids.

Tackle Football

Per Jason, they one team left in the finals. Third grade is in the finals this Saturday.

Lacrosse

Per Jason, they will be starting up in December 1st.

Seniors

The mayor wanted to let Sandi know there are some active seniors.

Soccer

Rocky reported they are still rolling right along. Their Top Soccer season for special needs kids ended two weeks ago at 37, with 45 helpers. Still doing reading buddies with kindergarten classes. Just finished the state cup in Foley a few weeks ago. They did really well. Every team made the semi-finals. 9 of the 10 teams made the finals. 5 teams won it. They won half of the state cups in Alabama. One of their top players, Tony Shaw from Vestavia Hills, just signed with Syracuse on National signing day. They will have about 6 or 8 boys and 4 or 5 girls to sign on April 8th at the Mayor's Cup.

He said he appreciates the board looking at redoing the turf in the future. He also wanted to report to the board a significant dip on SHAC 4. It's boarding on significant enough to have attention.

Softball

No representative. No report.

Swimming

No representative. No report.

Volleyball

Paul said he heard it was a fantastic season.

Wrestling

No representative. No report.

COMMENTS

Citizen Kirk McCulley stated he'd received an email from one of the youth sports board requesting to have the fees for their child waived in exchange for being a member of the board. The park board has no

jurisdiction over what the sports boards may or may not do in that situation. Per Jason, if they did, the rec fee would still have to be paid. Citizen McCulley said any league in need of volunteers to please come to the board for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next work session will be on Monday, December 16th at 11:30 in the city hall Executive Conference Room.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall Executive Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Raynor Boles/TCM

Rocky Harmon/Vestavia Soccer

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board

Work Session Agenda

12-16-19, 11:30am, City Hall (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Kirk McCulley, Mitch Bevill, David Myers, Lyles Box, Paul Head, Danny Marshall, Jason Burnett, Brian Davis

1. Recognition of 2020 new member Danny Marshall
2. Recognition of outgoing member David Myers
3. Byrd Park bench dedication – Roger Harris
4. New Wald Pool fees
5. 2020 Assignments
6. Parks and Recreation certified member organizations (member in good standing)
7. General Park and Rec business

Vestavia Lacrosse – January 2020

Ice Breaker Tournament, Saturday, January 25th for varsity girls and boys at SHAC.

There will be a Chili Cook Off at the event to benefit Player Sponsorship Program for the GBYLA.

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Memorandum

January 9, 2020

TO: Park Board Members
FROM: Jason Burnett
P & R Superintendent
RE: Pool Membership Fees

From our generated discussion at our previous work session of 12-16-19, it is recommended that the new Wald Park pool membership fees are as such...

- Membership for residents only.
- \$75 per person
- \$300 family cap rate
- \$10 day guest pass accompanied by member

This item will be under new business for your 1-21-20 Park Board meeting.



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Soccer Club Report for Parks and Recreation Board January 2020

This is usually a pretty quiet time for youth soccer, but this year we have had six boys' teams compete in Showcase events in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Tampa and Orlando, Florida- in front of a large number of college coaches.

Due to a change in college recruiting rules, our older girls' teams still have the Disney Showcase later this month in Orlando- then the fall season will be over!

As for Spring soccer, recreational registration is on-going through mid-February, and we are rolling out a completely re-vamped website, with our own white labeled app!

We start our Super Soccer Shows in area schools in January, and training starts Feb 3rd.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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