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Memorandum

July 9, 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, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Hills City Hall council chamber (1032 Montgomery Hwy).

The packet includes the following:

- Agenda for regular meeting on 7/21/2020
- Minutes from regular meeting on 5/19/2020
- Minutes from work sessions on 6/12/2020 and 7/7/2020
- 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
July 21, 2020

ASHLEY CURRY
MAYOR

JASON BURNETT
SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of May 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes
4. Approval of June 12, 2020 work session minutes
5. Approval of July 7, 2020 work session minutes
6. Recreation Superintendent’s Report – Jason Burnett
7. Program 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 – Spring Fee Credits
Fall Sports Refund Policy
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) – Keith Williams	

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, September 15, 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**

May 19th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, May 19th, President Mitch Bevill called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Mitch Bevill, President Lyles Box, Vice President Kirk McCulley
Park Board Members present via Zoom:	Danny Marshall
Park Board Members absent were:	Earl Lawson
Mayor Ashley Curry	Absent
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 Jeff Corley, Pool Superintendent

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Kirk McCulley

APPROVAL OF MARCH 17TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 21ST WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

President Bevill asked for a motion to approve the April 21st work session minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Paul Head seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MAY 4TH WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

President Bevill asked for a motion to approve the May 4th work session minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Lyles Box seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- All athletic programming and playgrounds continue to be off line due to pandemic. The Rec Center is open for city business and scheduled classes only. We will continue to monitor the situation.

- Depending on what the governor institutes, we would plan on having an opening of the baseball fields at Cahaba Heights in a couple of weeks to coincide with baseball coming back to play. If not, we will wait till all is finished at CH to have a big grand opening.
- Musco Lighting went through our parks and updated some of their equipment for enhanced reception.
- Our recreation software is installed on all staff computers and we are now awaiting the approval by the city for the credit card vendor that would integrate with the system.
- Our staff have been participating in ARPA Zoom meetings to discuss with other Parks and Rec professionals, COVID-19 related issues as it affects what we do.

SENIORS & PROGRAMMING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Rec Center back open for previously scheduled classes. Mon-Fri only 8am-5pm. All participants must enter through the main entrance and classes will be held in the gym only.
- Jazzercise is meeting today with their instructors to come up with a plan going forward.
- Tai Chi will be in on Wednesday for a noon class.
- I have reached out to Baton and Karate as well and have not heard back about their afternoon classes.
- Baton and Brains and Beauty both have scheduled summer camps and we are awaiting the new orders from the governor to discuss moving forward with the camps.
- The New Merkel bids were opened on Monday, May 18, 2020. More to come after the council reviews the bids.
- We have been painting at the Civic Center.
- There will be a parade at 11:00 am today for Ms. JoAnne Casey's 101st Birthday. Anyone who wants to join us is welcome. Lineup will be at VHUMC at 10:30am.

MAYORS REPORT

The mayor was not present. No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Brian reported that the staff has been busy, working outside the lines. Cleaning and Maintenance inside and outside.
- Cahaba Heights Park is moving along quickly. We have had to run people off from there. It is still a construction site / zone.
- Wald Park is going very quickly. More being done every day.
- The pool deck will be poured this week. Looking at July 1st or after for the public.

OLD BUSINESS

City and School Employee Rates

President Bevill asked for a motion to approve nonresident city employees and board of education employees receiving resident rates on memberships. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve city and school employees rates same as resident rates for memberships. Lyles Box seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

VHBC Field Use Policy Waiver

Vestavia Hills Park and Recreation Board approves a one season (Spring 202) waiver for the following requirement:

- 1) A.1.b. "VHBC Regular Season" shall mean: the VHBC spring season that starts in March and ends in April that has at least a 10 game season and a single elimination tournament.

President Bevill asked for a motion to approve the VHBC Field Use Policy Waiver. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve the VHBC Field Use Policy Waiver. Lyles Box seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Revised Pool Membership Fees

Revised Pool Fees – Jeff, originally opening Memorial Day weekend (not ready) if we are open by July 1st then offer \$50.00 season pass (\$200.00 cap per family). If we are not open until August 1, 2020 then \$25.00 season pass. July 1st – Senior Rate \$25.00 (stays the same). Guest pass - \$10.00 daily. Paul asked how long we could stay open once we are open. Jeff stated that we can stay open as long as possible, weather permitting. We would go full n until school starts, then limited. He is looking to extend the hours and the season length, especially with us not opening until at least July. Kirk made the motion to accept the rates, Liles 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Scheduled open date May 25 th	\$75.00 per person*	\$300 max*
June 1	\$70	\$280
June 8	\$65	\$260
June 15	\$60	\$240
June 22	\$55	\$220
June 29	\$50	\$200
July 6	\$45	\$180
July 13	\$40	\$160
July 20	\$35	\$140
July 27	\$30	\$120
August 3	\$25	\$100

*Rates will be prorated after the actual opening day.

Altadena Park Rules

The proposed rules will mirror the rules set forth for McCallum Park. There were 3 residents on the Zoom meeting; Stoney Jackson, Jeff Kaufman and ? . Each man talked – (not sure which ones said what) They have been enjoying the park with carts, etc. for 2.5 years. They want the Park Board to give them leniency with allowing golf carts. They have not seen too many issues. They would like the PB to look at this differently. They want to work with us and they want us to work with them. They had suggested a Fee for a permit to have a golf cart on park property, they would be licensed and sign a waiver, they are all open for this. Mitch reported that he, Jeff, Brian and Sandi had met out at Altadena with David Butler, Cahaba Keeper to look around. David spoke at the Park Board meeting. He is the Cahaba Keeper from Trussville to Selma, Alabama. He and Mitch have discussed the possibility of putting in a canoe launch at Altadena and have met and walked the site. The launch would need to be close access to parking. There are a few good access points that they looked at for possibilities. This launch would be the Northern most point of access South of 280 and would be a great opportunity. The Cahaba Keepers are willing to help make this happen. Brian talked about his main concern being the oversight of the park. Have talked with staff about adding a maintenance staff person to maintain and oversee that park full time. When he was there yesterday there was a golf cart in the park. It went out on the “Hoover” side. The Fire Chief lives close and hears 4-wheelers and motorcycles out there often. We are all concerned with safety – there are hazards out there with the irrigation removal, etc. Mitch read the rules proposed (same as McCallum), Kirk made a motion to accept the rules as proposed, Liles 2nd. The residents asked if they were just going to go through with the proposed even after they called in and asked questions. Brian commented that after the Park Board approves then the rules are still not set in stone, the City Council has final approval. Motion passed unanimously.

ALTADENA PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Altadena Park shall open at sunrise and shall close at sunset, except for events scheduled through the office of parks and recreation. Unauthorized individuals in the park after closing can be subject to penalties.
- 2) Use, solicitation, possession, or distribution of any controlled substance is strictly prohibited.
- 3) Alcohol is prohibited.

- 4) Smoking is restricted per city ordinances.
- 5) No golf carts, go-carts, motorcycles, four-wheelers, three-wheelers, or any other type of vehicle is allowed off of the designated parking area at any time.
- 6) Pets should be kept on a leash and under control at all times, and any solid excretion matter from said pet must be picked up from any surface area.
- 7) No hitting of golf balls.
- 8) Parking is restricted to designated areas.
- 9) Fireworks, explosives, bows and arrows, crossbows or slingshots are not allowed.
- 10) Violators will be asked to leave the premises and are subject to further action and penalties.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

No representative. No report.

POOL REPORT

Covered under Old and New Business.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Concessionaire Frank Hernandez has been involved with the discussions with the new buildings and TCU, per Jason. Mr. Hernandez was present.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball

Efrin stated that this past week, they sent an email out to the families and officially cancelled Rec Ball season. They have put together a list of contingencies for the families (he read those). They were the last park that was holding out for a rec season – All other cities are already picking teams for GBBA. They did not want to be left behind so they went ahead and cancelled. They will put together several teams for GBBA. They spent a lot of time trying to decide on refunds. They have proposed a tiered level of credits. If a family does not need credits or does not want to “gift” them to someone else then they will issue them a refund. They have received 10 requests out of 2500 players thus far. There are still a lot of moving parts and they are working with the families. Kirk asked a question about the 6,7,8 - year old teams being able to play and then what if the 9’s have enough for teams will they consider letting them play as well? Efrin – Yes, the problem will be finding coaches. Brian suggested seeing if there is a HS player and a dad that would be willing to volunteer and coach. Paul gave an example of a few years ago when a HS basketball player helped coach his daughter’s basketball team and how great it was and the girls were excited. Brian agreed, JT refereed last year and was involved. Overall it is a great experience and community booster when the HS athletes stay involved and help the younger generations. Efrin also commented on there being a few other contingencies with GBBA Board with respect to posting covid ways of doing things, they are looking at a release. Putting a plan in place based on what the governor’s order says, PE’s, etc. There are questions about what if a kid tests positive during play? What is the plan? They are working with GBBA to assure that all parks work in the same manner. Paul asked if any of the associations have put out guidelines. Efrin – USSSA has, 19 pages, they are reviewing it now. They do realize that anything they decide to do has to go through the Park Board. Brian asked that they please keep Jason in the loop. Efrin also talked about working with Jason on the Grand Opening of Cahaba Heights Park. He said if we can work together then we will. He has to get approval from the Baseball Board to spend money. He asked if they could chain the L-Screens into the batting cages, Brian said yes.

Boys' Basketball

No representative. No report.

Girls Basketball

No representative. No report.

Cheerleading

No representative. No report.

Flag Football

Registration opened last Friday.

Tackle Football

Registration is open.

Lacrosse

No representative. No report.

Seniors

Covered under Sandi Wilson's report.

Soccer

No representative. Report included in packet.

Softball

Per Chad Gay, similar to Baseball, they held out for as long as they felt they could but they have now cancelled the season. They are refunding. The treasurer has a spreadsheet of fees, etc. They are offering a \$75.00 per player refund. Cost is \$175.00 per girl, \$10.00 discount per additional girls. They sent out an email to the families explain the monies that had been spent and that most expenses were spent prior to March 14, 2020. Also gave the option to forfeit that money for an umpire fund. They have \$4700.00 going back to the umpires. Balance left of \$1675.00, Board has approved to use as a VHGSA Senior Scholarship. The applicants are to submit an essay on how Rec League has helped them to get to where they are today. The criteria for the scholarship was sent to Coach Walker. This is the first time for this to be done, hopeful that it will continue in the future. All Stars (up in the air with USSSA) were offered – there are no coaches. There is one 8u travel team and 3 teams total ready to play.

Swimming

Rebecca: (to comment on Baseball and Softball both needing coaches) Swim Team model is based on HS students helping to coach. This works well and is encouraging to the younger swimmers. They did not begin registration. GSSA has not decided if there will be a season. Still accessing – there should be a decision this week. We do not have a pool right now and the contingency plan is unsure right now. Waiting because pools are at a minimum right now. Public pools are still unsure, limited public swim. The VH Pool being delayed is an issue. The backup is unsure. Pursuing modified swim season once the pool is open. No tournaments, swim against each other. Jeff stated that many pools are limiting to members only and limited numbers in the pools. Following other guidelines – if we can open – work with others in the area to have a short inter area season.

Volleyball

No representative. Report included in packet.

Wrestling

No representative. No report.

COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next work session will be on Friday, June 12th at 11:30 in the city hall Executive Conference Room, Jason to confirm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Chad Gay/VHGSA

Chad Long/VHBC

Efrain Horta/VHBC

Frank Hernandez/Concessions

Rebecca Hartsough/VSA

David Butler/Cahaba River Keepers

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board

Work Session Agenda

6-12-20, 7:00am, City Hall Council Chamber (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Mitch Bevill, Kirk McCulley, Danny Marshall, Paul Head, Brian Davis, Jason Burnett, Sandi Wilson, Jeff Corley, Jim Treest

1. CSP Update
2. Swim Presentation – Chris Hunsberger
3. Bennie Watson Memorial – Jonathan Berryhill
4. Baseball Tournament Update

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board

Work Session Agenda

7-7-20, 5:30pm, City Hall (1032 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Mitch Bevill, Earl Lawson, Kirk McCulley, Lyles Box, Paul Head, Brian Davis, Jason Burnett, Sandi Wilson, Jeff Corley

1. Update on Altadena Valley Park
2. Discuss open play times for Gym
3. VHYB (Efrain Horta)

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Memorandum

July 9, 2020

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett
P & R Superintendent

RE: Spring Fee Credits

From our generated discussion at our previous work session of 7-7-20, the following is recommended for spring fee credits.

\$20 per player credit for VHBC (Baseball).

\$35 per player credit for VHSC (Rec Soccer).

\$20 per player credit for VHSC (Competitive Soccer).

This item will be under new business for your 7-21-20 Park Board meeting.

memo

To: Jason Burnett
From: Mitch Bevill
CC: July 21, 2020 meeting packet
Date: July 14 ,2020
Re: Fall 2020 Park and Rec Fees refund policy

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- Proposal I propose the following refund policy in regards to Fall 2020 sports:
 - Teams that have not held any practices or games full refund
 - Teams that have had 1 – 3 practices and / or games \$20 credit issued to another season
 - Over 3 practices and / or games no refunds or credits.

VHYF

- Added 2 additional Board members for 3rd and 4th Grade representation
- Nominating additional board member to fill final vacancy
- Plans are to utilize Cahaba Heights as practice location for tackle football
- Closed registration with 160 signups - We will have a single team in each division with 2 in the 6th grade
- JSYFL has voted to move forward with the season.



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Soccer Club Report for Parks and Recreation Board July 2020

The soccer club re-opened on June 1st for social- distance training. We screened all players, and over 290 kids took advantage of “make-up” training”.

On June 15th we were allowed to have contact. We held tryouts on that date, with no major issues. The new partnership with Hoover (HVS) worked out well- we formed 17 Hoover-Vestavia Soccer teams, while maintaining over 350 players for VHSC.

Registration is open for recreational soccer, but we are expecting a smaller number of registrants.

We have two weeks of summer camp that started July 6th, and Team Camp starts July 27th.

We are making tentative plans to have a full slate of training and games this fall, while adhering to all health guidelines.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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