



ASHLEY CURRY
MAYOR

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2023

JAMIE LEE
PARKS AND LEISURE
DIRECTOR

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from the May 16, 2023 regular meeting
4. Mayor's Report – Mr. Ashley Curry
5. Parks & Leisure Update – Jamie Lee
 - a. Altadena
 - b. Mike Shaw-Legislative Money
 - c. Senior Update
6. Old Business
 - a. Charges for monitors – offseason (OTM, etc.)
 - b. Sponsorship signs
7. New Business
 - a. Lightning Policy
 - b. Games – Field light policy
 - c. Park Board – Individual Board(s) meeting
 - d. OTM/Club Fees
8. Upcoming Dates:
 - a. MS Walk – April 6th, 2024 – Wald (800 people)
9. League Reports – PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING
10. Citizen Comments – Must sign in prior to start of the meeting
11. Next Meeting –
 - a. Next work session will be August 15, 2023 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.
 - b. Next regular scheduled meeting will be September 19, 2023 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2023 7:30 AM

PARK BOARD ATTENDEES

Lyles Box	Ashley Curry
Danny Marshall	Shelley Gentle
Kirk McCulley	

Staff Attendees:

Jamie Lee
Sandi Wilson

Community Attendees:

Rocky Harmon - Soccer

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM by Lyles Box.

Kirk McCulley led us in Prayer and Lyles Box led us in the Pledge.

Work Session Notes from May 16, 2023. Motion to approve by Kirk McCulley and 2nd by Danny Marshall. Motion approved.

Jamie Lee made a change to the agenda.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Curry received a letter from a VHCS teacher thanking him and the Park Board for working out the residency issue at the previous meeting.

Mayor encouraged everyone to vote on the commissioner's race being held today.

Jamie Lee's Report:

- Altadena Valley – Began the parking Phase 1 – moving the along well. He will be in contact with Renta today to see where we are with the first entrance and can possibly open that entrance back up to walkers. Danny asked about the bridge and Jamie will continue to look into that; due to the bridge continually flooding, we may have to look at a more permanent structure.
- Mike Shaw – Legislative Money – The City Council approved the money last Monday and Jamie will begin the process of ordering the floor and track for Byrd park asap. There was discussion about the possibility of lengthening the track at Byrd Park and possibly connecting it to the track at East field.
- Senior Update – Sandi gave an update on the services being offered for Seniors. Mayor asked if we had gotten any questions regarding senior transportation. He is adding the senior transportation program into his notes in the August Community News. Mayor Curry also reported that Ruby Denson will be inducted into the Alabama Senior Hall of Fame and will be recognized for her volunteer work and dedication to the senior adults in

Vestavia Hills. He also gave an update on the tribute to Jabo Wagner that will be displayed at City Hall.

Old Business:

- Charges for gym and field monitors – The Park Board voted on and approved to charge for monitors at \$20.00 per hour.
- Sponsorship Signs – Lyles reported that there needs to be some consistency. Kirk suggested that they meet with the Foundation to discuss further and establish guidelines.
- Rental Fee for the Grand Lawn - \$500.00
- Membership to the VHCC for VHCS employees who live outside the city limits of Vestavia Hills – treat them as if they live within the city (same as we do for the VHAC memberships)
- Mayor reported on the Arts Council – Chair of the Arts Council is Faith Lenhart. She is in charge of VHCS arts. The council is excited about the opportunities and enhancing the program with what all can be offered at the VHCC and Wald Park.

New Business:

- Lightning Policy – with the Perry Weather system we have in place, we can set parameters. Currently they are set at 10 miles. Jamie researched to see what other places use; NCAA uses 8 miles, AHSAA uses sight and sound which is the same as the National HSAA. It was decided that we should lower the alarm to within 8 miles.
- Games – Field Light Policy – does the city have a policy concerning the time of night to suspend play? Shelley and Kirk reported that the Noise Policy says 10pm. Jamie asked about what the policy should say that we relay to the sports associations? Kirk suggested; No game will start after 9pm and if time gets to 10pm and the game is still in play then you finish the inning. Shelley asked about the noise ordinance and if there was a time difference on the weekends? Lyles will check on the exact wording of the ordinance however, on weeknights the 9pm/10pm statement will stand. Jamie reported that we will have signage made and posted at the fields and we will notify the sports boards of the policy.
- Park Board – Individual Boards meeting – Jamie asking that the Sports Boards presidents and vice-presidents come and have a conversation with him and the Park Board as we transition into the fall sports and the new order of business to go over policies, etc. Kirk added to go over their responsibilities and what we need from them. The message will be the same for all of the boards so it was suggested that we give them 2 dates and require them to be at least one of the dates. Jamie will ask Myra to attend. Kirk also suggested that we make it mandatory that the boards meet in one of the Park and Recreation facilities. The dates chosen to present to them are Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 6pm and Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:30am. The mayor commended the Park Board on this item and told them he thought they were smart to meet with them.
- Athletic Fee Proposal – This topic was discussed briefly in the work session. Our diamond spaces are not in line with surrounding cities. We also could rent VHCC gym spaces all day everyday however, we are currently keeping them available as much as possible for membership. Jamie sees trends moving toward travel ball but the Park Board has always challenged us to protect the Recreation program. He wants the PB to look at the fee structure for non-recreation program rentals, do we have a policy for those types

of rentals? An example on the horizon is softball – Vortex (through our rec program) and Firecrackers (made up of some of our rec persons); who gets priority? In season / Out of Season, Resident / Non-Resident; where do we draw the line? Should we not charge the club teams that are out of season more for the field space rentals? Kirk stated that the PB needs time to create a policy and they need to have one to propose and put in place by the September meeting. Kirk McCulley made a motion; All sports with the exception of Baseball and Softball, there will be no rentals of Recreation Spaces until a Park Board Policy addressing the fees is put into place. This should go into effect today and last until the policy is in place. This moratorium shall apply to everyone regardless of residency or team. Shelley Gentle 2nd the motion, motion approved.

Upcoming Dates:

- MS Walk – April 6, 2024 at Wald with around 800 people attending. That will be the middle of baseball season. They cannot approve that date at Wald. Other options they suggested to explore; Liberty Park, SHAC paths and Altadena Valley Park.

League Reports:

- Rocky Harmon – Soccer – Not too much going on right now. 308 Recreation registrations as of this morning. Practice starts July 31, 2023.

General Discussion:

- Shelley asked about the sprinkler system at Wald park. She stated that they seem to be flooding. Jamie will investigate.
- Kirk asked about turfing the grand lawn? The Mayor had questions about maintenance and cleanliness?
- Jamie asked about the turf at East and what the plan is from a VHCS standpoint? Is it still going to be a shared space? Kirk stated that it is still a part of the shared services. The PTO donated the funds however, it is still school property.
- Jamie reported about some calls and messages concerning the cleanliness at the VHAC. The first 2 years, Mike Vandergrift would clean the restrooms every morning however, he retired. The guards are not working out cleaning as well as we had hoped. We are working to attend to this better and have started sending our maintenance guys over more often to attend to the restrooms. Also, the swim teams are in the spaces every morning before we open to the public. Robby had a conversation with the coaches and leaders about addressing cleanliness with their participants. Mayor reported about people in general not cleaning up after their selves. He also asked about scooters being allowed in the parks? Jamie reported that the sign package that should be completed with phase 3 at Wald will have some “scooter verbiage” included.

Upcoming Meetings:

Work Session: August 15, 2023 at 7:30 am in the Civic Center

Regular Meeting: September 19, 2023 at 8:00 am in the Civic Center.

Motion to adjourn: Kirk McCulley, 2nd: Danny Marshall

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 am.