



ASHLEY CURRY  
MAYOR

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
August 16, 2022

JAMIE LEE  
PARKS AND LEISURE  
DIRECTOR

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting
4. Approval of notes from June 20, 2022 work session
5. Approval of notes from the July 15, 2022 work session
6. Mayor's Report – Mr. Ashley Curry
7. Parks & Leisure Update – Jamie Lee
8. Old Business-
  - a. Parks & Leisure Fee Structure – VHCC
    - i. Track Pass
  - b. Parks and Leisure Field Use Policy
9. New Business
  - a. Coach Safety Requirement
  - b. Pickleball League – Fee Structure
  - c. Down Syndrome Awareness – Wald Park-Oct. 23
10. League Reports – PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING
11. Citizen Comments – Must sign in prior to start of the meeting
12. Next Meeting –
  - a. Next work session will be September 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the ECR.
  - b. Next regular scheduled meeting will be September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the ECR.

CITY OF VESTAVIA  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
August 16, 2022 7:00 AM

PARK BOARD ATTENDEES

Lyles Box  
Danny Marshall  
Mitch Bevill  
Kirk McCulley

Paul Head  
Shelley Gentle

Staff Attendees:

Jamie Lee  
Sandi Wilson  
Melinda Burnett

Community Attendees:

Chad Long - Baseball  
Rocky Harmon – Soccer  
Wes Gaylard – Girl’s Basketball  
Oliver Aaron – VHHS Swim

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM by Lyles Box.

Kirk McCulley led us in Prayer and the Pledge.

Meeting Minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Park Board Meeting. Motion to approve by Kirk McCulley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch Bevill. Motion approved.

Work Session Notes from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion to approve by Mitch Bevill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirk McCulley. Motion approved.

Work Session Notes from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion to approve by Danny Marshall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirk McCulley. Motion approved.

Mayor’s Report:

Melinda reported that the Mayor was planning a “Scams Against the Elderly” program to be held at the VHUMC on August 23, 2022.

Jamie Lee’s Report:

- Thank you to the Board for all their help and responsiveness over the past 3 months.
- We are seeing progress at the New CC. Have been told we can move furniture in around the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is still a lot of cleaning to be done. They are having drainage issues that have held off the paving – hopefully next week. The Mayor has an event that is currently planned for there on September 20, 2022.

- Altadena Valley – clean-up is ongoing by Parks and Rec staff. Sheety will be cutting in 2 weeks and then our crews will go in and weed eat and cleanup. Shelby County has agreed to provide funding for the bathrooms in Phase 1.
- Trail at SHAC – drainage and overgrowth have been an issue. Our crews are in the process of cutting and cleaning up. Disc Golf course should be cut this week.
- Lifeguards – Numbers are diminishing moving toward Labor Day. This past Sunday there were only 3 guards available to work.
- Flag Football – Draft was this past Saturday around 400 players are signed up to play.
- Last year, not including swim or soccer, our programs consisted of 400 teams, 3500 games and 4500 players.
- The current Recreation Center will not be turned over to the school board until we are completely moved out from the facility. Jamie is staying in communication with Laura, Myra and Dr. Martin.

#### Old Business:

##### Fee Structure (handout included)

- There is a track pass option that was approved in November of 2021. We feel that is going to be difficult to police. It was decided that for now staff are going to monitor the cameras and expect participants to be honest.
- The pay by monthly fee was discussed. Staying the same for now.

##### Parks and Leisure Field Use Policy

- Kirk is still working on rewriting the policy. It needs to be simplified. Problem is the “Loop Holes” that have been discovered.
- Lyles suggested that they present at the next work session. Kirk suggested that a couple of the group that are familiar discuss prior to the work session.
- Jamie – we are working to say “yes” to everyone but we need some clarification.

#### New Business:

##### Coach Safety Requirements / Background Checks

- It is the law, every 2 years.
- If they have not completed by the first of the season, what is the Board’s expectation? No field space and No games.

##### Pickleball League (handout included)

- Kirk stated that if it is a “real” league with structure then a non-resident can sign up and join the league just like the youth sports. Rocky reported on Hoover’s policy at the met for open play. Jamie stated that we need the PB to decide on a fee structure for open play. Discussion about policies and structure. Jamie stated that gym space interfering with other sports is not going to be an issue. We have gym space. We just need direction, policies and fees from the Park Board on how they wish for us to handle. Concensus of the Board is that the league needs to be structured and a true league to allow for non-residents to participate and there will be no non-residents in the beginning for at least the first 3-6 months and then they will reevaluate.

##### Downes Syndrome Awareness (request included)

- Sunday, October 23, 2022 – Wald park. Kirk asked Chad Long if they can move baseball for that day, Chad agreed. Park Board decided that this event is important

to the community and they have waved the fees and agreed to all the outlined request. Kirk made the motion, Paul second, motion passed.

League Reports:

- Rocky Harmon – Soccer – Fall Registration is concluded. They have 720 recreational players. Liberty Cup Tournament will be played over the next 2 weekends; girls this weekend and boys next. There is an ACT prep class at the SHAC meeting room every Monday night. They also have Kenny Davis at the fields on Monday nights through Thanksgiving. He is a trainer and will be happy to assist any sport that needs him.
- Oliver Aaron – VHHS Swim – they have 2 meets at the VHAC, September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. He has worked with Jamie and William to secure practice times and dates.

Citizens Comments: Kirk made a motion and Mitch second to wave the fee for the MLP pitch, hit and run that will be held at Wald Park. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings:

Work Session: August 23, 2022 at 11:30 am in the ECR

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2022 at 7:30 am in the ECR.

Motion to adjourn: Kirk McCulley, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shelley Gentle

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 AM.



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WORK SESSION NOTES

1. Fee Structure Review – Discussion on the Pickleball League and open play at the new Civic Center. Direction was given to not allow non-residents unless it was a structured league for at least the first few months. Open play will be residents only. No guest passes will be allowed for the first few months. It was also noted that in the Fall Rec Basketball leagues would have the priority.
2. Field Use Policy – The board went through the process of defining, highlighting and prioritizing the field use policy. There will be an amended document at the next meeting to be voted on and approved. Included in the discussion was the gym space and basketball leagues.
3. Catering at the new Civic Center will be by contracts. If you know of an interested business within Vestavia Hills or a business owner who lives in Vestavia Hills who is interested please let Jamie Lee aware and he can get them a contract to review.
4. Jamie Lee gave an update on the Lifeguards and the VHAC.
5. Chad asked some questions about Wald Park and Flag Football practices. Jamie will look at schedule.
6. Reported that Habitat for Humanity wanted to expand their “programming” for their fundraiser on September 23, 2022. They are to work with the Rec Staff.
7. Upcoming meetings –
  - a. Next meeting will be September 20, 2022 @ 7:30 a.m. in the ECR.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 12:35pm.