



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

01/21/2014

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, January, Blaine House called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:

Blaine House, President
Tommy Dazzio, Vice President
Lilla Hood
Tommy Coggin
Anne Smyth

Park Board Members absent were:

None

Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza

Present

Council Representative Steve Ammons

Present

Parks and Recreation Staff Members:

Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services
Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent
Jim Treest, Athletic Coordinator
B. J. Dailey

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Jason Burnett

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Zaragoza made a motion to approve the November minutes. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The National Recreation and Parks Association is partnering with Macy's to make a donation to Wald Park. It's a program whereby local Macy's customers are asked at the time of checkout if they would like to make a donation to a Wald Park. This will run March 7-31. Macy's will match the first \$250,000 raised, dollar-for-dollar. Check distribution by June 2.
- Working with Alabama Forestry Commission to partner with Cahaba Heights Elementary to host a tree giveaway on February 22, 2014 at the school parking lot.

- New Merkel Health Fair committee met to discuss the event of Feb 26.
- Offices have new carpet.
- Wald Park getting new overhead netting.
- Donated 5 free pool passes for upcoming summer to VHEW PTO fundraiser.
- VHPD will be using the Civic Center for SWAT training from 2am-6am on January 16.

MAYORS REPORT

The property for the new city hall building has been purchased and the project is underway. The city is doing well financially.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

None.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Per Brian Davis the ARPA awarded past board member Steve Bendall with the Park Board Member of the Year award at the February 11th banquet at the Hoover Hyatt.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FUTSAL Hard Surface Court-

Blaine said there is \$65,000 in grant money available for the construction of a FUTSAL Hard Surface Court but construction costs could run \$150,000. The soccer club needs a designated area to put it and approval from the park board. Per Council President Ammons and Jordy Henson with the foundation a proposal has been received and they will look at the additional funding and continued funding down the road. Blaine asked for a motion from the board to support the FUTSAL Court. Steve's only concern is once the Foundation receives the final TOPO whether the court will fit at the proposed site. The mayor asked what the timeline is. Blaine said approximately early 2015. Blaine said he would sign a resolution, if need be, and Tommy Dazzio offered to help with the grant. Steve wants to discuss the verbiage at the next meeting. After Tommy Coggin looked online, the application deadline is February 1st, 2014, with a second deadline June 1st. Lilla said she got the impression soccer wasn't going to apply until June 1st. It takes 11 months to construct after the grant is awarded. Brian Davis stated that soccer would only need a letter of support from Jason Burnett saying the city owns the land and supports it. A resolution is not needed.

Facility Rental Prices-

After a review of our rental prices the board voted to approve them as they stand for 2014. Blaine asked for a motion to approve the new prices. Tommy Dazzio made a motion to approve. Lilla Hood seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Park Board By-Laws-

Tommy Dazzio previously sent out a marked up version of the by-laws. The changes are ready for approval. Blaine asked for a motion to approve the revised by-laws. Council President Ammons made a motion to approve. Lilla seconded. The vote was unanimous. Blaine asked to be sure the revision date is indicated as January 21st, 2014.

Approval of 2014 Slate of Officers -

Proposed officers are Tommy Dazzio as president and Tommy Coggin as vice president. Blaine opened the floor for any other nominations or recommendations. With no other nominations or recommendations the floor was closed and the slate voted on. Steve Ammons voted to approve the 2014 slate of officers. Lilla Hood seconded. The vote was unanimous.

POOL REPORT

None.

CONCESSION REPORT

Per Trent, his report closes out 2013 with sales up from last year. Sales at Wald Park were down slightly because we didn't have the All Stars. But the numbers keep going up even though we did have a lot of cancelled tournaments last year.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Council President Ammons reported that lacrosse is and running well. VLO will host women's lacrosse between LaGrange College and Millsap College on March 16th.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball-Per Brian Davis reported for Mitch Beville that they are doing peripheral work at the fields. And had a coach's clinic with approximately 45 coaches in attendance. Coach Walker will do a father/son camp.

Basketball-None.

Cheerleading-No April 1st registration for fall.

Flag Football- Chad Long reported they are finishing up and will have registration May 1st.

JSYFL- Stuart Gardener reported they elected officers last Sunday. All 7 teams made the playoffs.

Lacrosse-Steve reported things are going well with lacrosse. He introduced Randy Nance as VHS coach and Bamalax board member.

Seniors- The will be a health fair the last Friday in February at the New Merkel House.

Soccer-Per Rocky Harmon, soccer will be dormant another two weeks. Last week they re-sodded a large portion of Central Field. He asked the board to consider a court across field 5 with a 4 way split of the cost between VLO, Bamalax, soccer and the park board.

Softball-Jason reported for Spencer that registration is going up. Things are going well with softball.

Swimming-Lilla said VSA will probably meet in February and should know who the president will be by then. The bubble down date is April 3rd through April 6th.

Wrestling- Per Tommy Dazzio, wrestling is about to end its season. The new president is Scott Nailen. The state youth wrestling tournament will be at the high school on February 1st.

PROGRAMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be February 18th, 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Park. Trent will provide lunch.

COMMENTS

Council President Ammons thanks Blaine for his work as park board president.

Per Blaine, the mine reclamation project is going well. The foundation now has a good prospective of what is going on. The earth work is extremely extensive and they are trying to make the dollars stretch. He would like to walk it down one more time. He also thanked the mayor for his efforts getting the city in line with the state on the project. He thanked Brian as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Trenton Turner/Turner Concessions

Randy Nance/VLO/Bamalax

Chad Lang/VHYFF

Stuart Garner/VHYF