



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

07/15/2014

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, July 15th, Tommy Dazzio called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:

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

Park Board Members absent were:

None

Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza

Absent

Council Representative Steve Ammons

Present

Parks and Recreation Staff Members:

Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services
Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent
Candi Cole/Pool Supervisor
Julie Harper, Programs Coordinator
B. J. Dubose

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Blaine House

APPROVAL OF MAY 20th, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Blaine House made a motion to approve the January minutes. Lilla Hood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

TRANE LIGHTING PROJECT REPORT-Rick Carson

Rick Carson gave an update on the lighting project at the parks and fields. The city was presented with an efficiency award at the July 14th council meeting. The lighting project was completed 2 months ahead of schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Rec. Center had repairs done to roof to fix leaks.
- Buffalo Rock replaced old scoreboards with new ones and will also replace Cahaba Heights scoreboards.
- Meeting with Keep Vestavia Hills Beautiful committee for litter index observation on July 15.
- We have about 1400 swim members.
- I Love America event was July 2 at Wald Park.
- Girls' basketball began their summer skills nights on June 24 and will last through end of July.
- New Merkle senior committee meeting July 9.
- Gregg Polinsky basketball camp July 14-18.
- VHPR Foundation meeting is July 16.
- Soccer will be using Old Columbiana Field beginning in August.
- Vestavia Hills Rotary Club will be doing some free labor at Wald and SHAC on July 26.
- New Merkle open house on August 3 from 2-4pm.
- ARPA meeting August 21.
- National Senior Citizen's Day at the Lodge on August 21 at 4pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council President Steve Ammons stated that last night the city went into an agreement with the school board for the Patchwork Farms property.

The budget hearings look solid.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Downes reported that over the last year there has been a strong focus on growing the city's tax base. Property taxes are doing well with a 4% increase. He wants to grow sales taxes.

The building permit for Cahaba Heights Winn Dixie is set.

The city hall project came in under projections.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Per Brian Davis, Mr. Downes and the city council are combining gas taxes to pave 12 ½ miles of city roads over the next 3 months.

OLD BUSINESS

Lilla asked the status of the Sicard Hollow signage. Per Brian, it's a 2 week build process and the foundation has been poured.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Center Membership Policy-

Jason Burnett presented a new policy to reinstitute membership requirements for the recreation center facility. Council President Ammons made a motion to approve the new membership policy. Blaine House seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

POOL REPORT

Per Candi Cole, there were 1,448 badges sold to date which is about 50 shy of this time last year. "I Love America Day" had 297 people and 73 on the makeup day.

CONCESSION REPORT

Trent Turner reported concessions are down from last year possibly because the tournaments being held for 1 day instead of 2 days.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Steve Ammons-BamaLax finished up the season for younger age groups which came in 2nd in the tournament. Our U11 team won at the tournament held in Birmingham. Hobson Nance has been added to the BamaLax finance committee.

Lilla Hood-Birmingham Swim Leagues' new coach is Mike Davidson. VSA will hold their last meet tonight

Tommy Coggin-Baseball held board elections. He met with John at SLAM. They are putting together a proposal for next spring.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Flag Football-

Chad Long reported that flag football has 255 kids registered with 7 on a wait list. Dick's Sporting Goods will have a 20% coupon on Facebook.

OTM-

Hobson Nance reported that the over-the-mountain league registered 152 kids which are primarily 5th & 6th graders. Practice will be August 3rd.

Jefferson/Shelby League-

John Schick said 189 kids registered for the league which is up from last year. 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade is up from last year. July 28th kicks off the season.

Tommy Dazzio asked one of the leagues to send Chad Long the information on the concussion law.

SENIORS

Julie Harper thanked Steve Ammons for the piano at the New Merkle House and invited the park board to the August 3rd open house. She gave special recognition to the parks maintenance staff for improvements around the New Merkle House. August 21st will be the 2nd Annual National Senior Citizens Day.

SOCCER

Rocky Harmon stated the soccer club attended regionals in Baton Rouge and tied for most team at an event. They will have 47 competitive teams. Camp starts Monday. Soccer spent money sod at Liberty Park.

SOFTBALL

Per Alicia Neely, softball had 4 All-Star teams. The 10 year olds won. They are electing board members and getting ready for fall.

WRESTLING

Wrestling is off season. Tommy Dazzio reported the club program is working out at Cahaba Heights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be Thursday, August 14th, 11:30 a.m. at Moe's BBQ in Rocky Ridge.

COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Rick Carson/Trane

Alicia Neely/VHGSA

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Chad Long/VHFF(Flag)

John Schick/VHYF

Trenton Turner/Concessions