

**City of Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation**  
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## **Memorandum**

November 5, 2015

TO: Park Board Members

FROM: Jason Burnett  
P & R Superintendent

RE: November Board Meeting

Please find the packet for the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center in Rooms 1 and 2.

The packet includes the following:

- Minutes from regular meeting on 9/15/2015
- Minutes from work session on 10/8/15
- Minutes from 11/9/15
- Agenda for regular meeting on 11/17/2015
- 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 DEPARTMENT**

ALBERTO "BUTCH"  
ZARAGOZA

BRIAN C. DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

CHRISTOPHER BRADY  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Park Board Members present were:	Tommy Coggin, President Anne Smyth, Vice President Tommy Dazzio Lilla Hood David Myers
Park Board Members absent were:	None
Mayor Alberto C. Zaragoza	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services Jason Burnett, Parks and Rec Superintendent Juliet Harper, Activities Coordinator
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Tommy Dazzio

**APPROVAL OF JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

David Myers made a motion to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 minutes. Tommy Dazzio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Steve Ammons abstained.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> WORK SESSION MINUTES**

David Myers made a motion to approve the August 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Steve Ammons seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

- Liberty Park fields 5-9 continue renovation
- Continue discussion of formation of Senior Citizen Board
- BSL will not put up the bubble this fall/winter

## **PRESENTATION OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Rebecca Leavings, city clerk, informed the board of the newest changes to the Alabama Open Meetings Act(OMA). OMA only currently affects the VHSC, Park Board and its sub committees. Agendas for regular meetings should be posted 7 days in advance and should include the date, time and location of the meeting. Special meetings require at least 24 hours' notice and must include the purpose of the meeting. Any deliberations, votes, discussions, etc. should be announced and open to the public. The public can record the meeting. These are just a few of the highlights.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Ammons reported the following:

- The budget was approved by the council last night (1.5% COLA, Longevity, Liberty Park batting cages, and fields 1-4 renovation work).
- The council decided not to purchase Old Columbia Field was made.
- Cahaba Heights Park update moving of homes in area construction begins in the winter.
- Bids out on paving of Rocky Ridge Road.
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, grand opening o the new city hall building.
- October 15<sup>th</sup>, current city hall building system will be shut down.
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, city hall moving day.
- Public works building has a possible buyer.
- County commission approved contract for repaving Sicard Hollow Road.
- ALDOT is looking at a tunnel at Liberty Park/SHAC.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Coggin asked for unanimous consent for immediate consideration for the VHYB structure. David Myers made a motion for unanimous consent to approve the VHYB league addition structure. Tommy Dazzio and Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Lilla Hood made a motion to approve the revised Field Use Policy. Steve Ammons seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Tommy Dazzio wants the board to reassess the policy as time goes on to make sure it's doing what was intended.

President Coggin asked for unanimous consent to approve the two VHYB by-law changes. Steve Ammons made a motion to for unanimous consent of the VHYB by-law changes. The vote was unanimous.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Per Leigh Belcher, the foundation is waiting on ADEM for moving forward with SHAC Phase II. The board had a meeting with Liberty Park Joint Venture to purchase additional land or property. They will be campaigning for \$500,000 more to get it all completed.

## **POOL REPORT**

Jason Burnett reported BSL has met with Candi to turn over the pool. BSL plans to operate VSA again next year.

## **CONCESSION REPORT**

Per Trent Turner, concession business was slow over the summer.

## **LEAGUE REPORTS-**

Baseball-

Bill Morrison stated baseball is looking at contracting out scheduling. Next year they plan to start fall ball registration earlier.

Basketball-

No report.

Cheerleading-

No report.

Flag Football-

Chad Long said participation has increased and the season is underway.

Rec Football-

Worked together to streamline scheduling.

Lacrosse-

Rachel Harwell reported that the fall season is underway.

Seniors-

Per Julie Harper, National Senior Day went well.

Soccer-

Rocky Harmon said Top Soccer is underway. Rec soccer has increased.

Let's Play Vestavia-

Per Rocky, Birmingham Hammers' season went well and hoping to come back next summer.

Softball-

No report.

Swimming-

No report.

Wrestling-  
No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in Room 2 at the Recreation Center.

The next planning meeting will be 11:30 p.m., October 7<sup>th</sup> at Egg & I.

**COMMENTS**

President Coggin and Mayor Pro Tem Ammons thanked Bill Morrison for his hard work on the VHYB by-laws.

**ADJOURNMENT**

David Myers made a motion to adjourn. Lilla Hood seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rebecca Leavings/City Clerk  
Rachel Harwell/VLO-LAX  
Chad Long/Flag Football  
Trenton Turner/Turner Foods System  
Rocky Harmon/Soccer  
Leigh Belcher/VHPRF  
Bryan Jennings/BSL  
Bill Morrison/VHYB

Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board  
Work Session  
10-8-15, 11:30am, Egg & I (700 Montgomery Hwy)

Attendance: Tommy Coggin, Lilla Hood, Tommy Dazzio, David Myers, Jason Burnett, Brian Davis, Bill Lorimer, Steve Ammons

- Discussion on youth sports' financial oversight and EIN.

## Park Board Meeting Minutes: 11-9-15 Meeting

On November 9, 2015, the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board met.

The following Park Board members were present:

Tommy Coggin, Anne Smyth, Tommy Dazzio. Tommy Dazzio recorded minutes of the meeting.

Also present were the Vice President of one of the youth sports organizations as well as a coaching applicant for the same youth sports organization.

The business to be conducted was to hear an appeal of a disqualification based on the Park Board Background check policy.

There was a quorum of Park Board Members present.

Anne Smyth made a motion for the meeting to move into executive session. The motion was approved and the meeting moved into executive session.

Discussion was held during the executive session, and the Vice President of the youth sports organization as well as the disqualified coaching applicant both spoke to the board.

Tommy Dazzio made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was approved, the executive session ended and the meeting moved back into the regular meeting.

After discussion, the board members present voted unanimously to overturn the disqualification and allow the coaching applicant to coach for the youth sports organization. Tommy Dazzio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy Dazzio



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
November 17, 2015

ALBERTO "BUTCH" ZARAGOZA  
MAYOR

JASON BURNETT  
SUPERINTENDENT

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Sept. 15, 2015 minutes.
4. Approval of October 8, 2015 work session minutes.
5. Approval of November 9, 2015 minutes.
6. Special Recognition of Lilla Hood (outgoing member)
7. Parks & Recreation Superintendent's Report – Jason Burnett
8. Mayor's Report – Butch Zaragoza
9. Public Services' Report – Brian Davis
10. Old Business – None
11. New Business – None
12. VHPR Foundation Report – Leigh Belcher
13. Pool Report – Bryan Jennings (BSL)
14. Concession Report – Trent Turner

15. League Reports

Baseball – Bill Morrison	Seniors – Julie Harper, Rick Goff
Basketball – Jackson Bryant (boys), Bill Smith (girls)	Soccer – Rocky Harmon Let's Play Vestavia – Rocky Harmon
Cheerleading – Beth Martin	Softball – Greg Hulsey
Football – Chad Long (Flag), Kirk McCulley (OTM), Perry Towns (JSYFL)	Swimming – Mike Davidson
Lacrosse – Rachel Harwell	Wrestling – Scott Nailen

16. Upcoming meetings –

- a. Next planning meeting will be on \_\_\_\_\_ @ 11:30 a.m. at \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

17. Adjournment



## Let's Play Vestavia Report for the Parks and Recreation Board November 2015

We have not held any events since August, due to there being no free weekends for the fields.

Plans are in the works to host seven Birmingham Hammers home matches starting spring 2016, as the Hammers have now joined the National Premier Soccer League and will play a complete season schedule (last year they played an exhibition season).

It looks like the following events will return for summer 2016 as well:  
Stickhead Sunday Night Men's LAX League  
LAX Camp with D1 FinishLine

We hosted 30- some regional soccer games through LPV in October, once I receive payment I get with Leigh.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rocky Harmon  
VestaviaEvents LLC

## VHGSA Report For Vestavia Hills Parks & Recreation Board – November 2015

Our rec fall ball season concluded on October 18<sup>th</sup> and went extremely well. We had a lot of first time players and coaches that we hope will carry over to their coming back for spring.

Our four Vortex teams have been playing in tournaments throughout the fall. All four should complete their fall seasons the weekend of November 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

We plan to open registration for our spring season on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our board will be meeting on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> to finalize all dates for the spring season.

A significant issue facing our league will be deciding which organization to play with for the 2016 season. Our current organization, USFA, has pretty much imploded due to significant leadership changes. Our most likely options will be to return to USSSA (where we had previously been), or look at going to NSA. We are still evaluating our options and will make a decision as soon as possible.

We again want to thank Parks & Rec and the city for approving funds to resurface Fields 1-4 at Liberty Park. This has been badly needed and we are excited about having this work done in time the spring season.

One item that I want to go on record is in regard to field prep. STS has done an outstanding job this fall working on the fields and prepping them for our practices and games. I was recently informed that STS would not line our fields for practice games or tryouts as that was not in their contract. I would like to request that that be reconsidered. When we have practice games, particularly with the Vortex teams, it is typically against teams from other parks. It's my desire that we have our fields looking their very best in those situations as we show off our facilities to visitors. I have a similar feeling on our tryouts. I want our fields to look at their absolute best on those days as we want to make the best possible impression on our parents in regard to our facilities. The fact is that tryouts and practice games really do not occur that often, and we certainly aren't concerned about having the fields lined for true practices. I don't know if this would require a change in the contract wording with STS, or perhaps if it could just be reaching a level of understanding with them, but I would very much like to see this happen, again simply to make sure that we make the best impression possible for these particular events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hulsey  
VHGSA President

Vestavia Hills Lacrosse...

Currently, registration is taking place for the Spring season. Registration runs from 20Oct-30Nov, with late registration from 01-15Dec. Games will begin the weekend of 26Feb.

Eric Christiansen, with the help of High School Lacrosse Club, is visiting all the schools and giving a demonstration in the PE classes to introduce & promote lacrosse to all our students.

The VLO is gearing up for our 2nd Annual Rebel Yell Icebreaker. This is a Round Robin style tournament to be held on Saturday, 16Jan at Sicard Hollow. Lorrie Hargrove & Randy Nace are heading up this event.

Rachel Harwell



# VESTAVIA HILLS SOCCER CLUB

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## **Soccer Club Report for Parks and Recreation Board November 2015**

**Fall soccer is winding down. We are in the middle of the state cup preliminary rounds. So far, so good, but I will have more results at the meeting. We have had a successful and fairly event- less season, with few complaints and mostly happy campers.**

**We have continued all our community based initiatives like our Reading Buddies, free ACT Prep Classes, and TopSoccer Program. The grass fields are looking better and better, and the SHAC continues to be a godsend with all the rain.**

**Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.**

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