



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

November 21st, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, November 21st, President David Myers called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	David Myers, President Earl, Lawson, Vice President Kirk McCulley Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	Tommy Coggin
Mayor Ashley Curry	Present
Council Representative Paul Head	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Jason Burnett, Superintendent Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services B. J. Dubose, Office Supervisor
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Kirk McCulley

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MEMBER TOMMY COGGIN

Per President Myers, Tommy couldn't attend today's meeting due to a personal commitment so we will make the presentation at another time. But he wanted to thank Tommy for his time and service.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the September 19th regular meeting minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5TH WORK SESSION MINUTES

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the October 5th work session minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Thanks to Melanie for putting together the annual Veteran's Day program at New Merkel and to Brian for being the emcee. Honored 20, which included veterans and spouses of deceased veterans.
- Our administrative staff just completed CPR/AED training class with our fire department, good for two years.
- Road at Wald Park will be closed for school construction through Feb 1.
- Basketball is at an all-time high with a total of 147 teams and 1,023 boys and girls, with this being the first year over 1,000 kids.
- Getting ready for Holiday in the Hills festivities with tree lighting at city hall on Nov 28 at 6pm, Breakfast with Santa at the Dogwood Room on Dec 9 at 7:30am, and then the LP Parade on Dec 10 at 2pm.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Curry visited the ribbon cutting of the new wrestling facility and stated that it was a nice facility. He informed the board that the possible Gresham acquisition should be forthcoming, which would gain some recreational facilities for the city. Also, the deadline for park board applications is December 12th. Interviews will be December 14th.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Per Brian Davis, December 9th after the breakfast with Santa, there will be a ribbon cutting for the new trails at McCallum Park. President Myers thanked Brian for his work on the trails and the foundation as well.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Park Board By-Laws Revisions

Earl Lawson gave a statement of how the park board by-laws were in need of updating and revision. He submitted the revised by-laws to the park board for their approval which would bring them current with Alabama code. They are to be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

President Myers scheduled a special call meeting for December 5th at 11:30 to review the by-laws with the work session to follow.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

Per Leigh Belcher, the summer was great at SHAC Park. The pavilion has been rented often. The splash pad is a hit. About 200 attended the grand opening. They have been approached by many people interested in helping with future fundraising for a dog park, and if awarded a grant an amphitheater, as well. President Myers thanked Leigh for all their help.

POOL REPORT

No representative, no report.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

No representative. Report included in packet.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball

Per Tammy, they have 13 and 14 year old development teams with 48 kids each, eight professional coaches, 48 in 13 year old development 370 participating and 1,200 for spring.

Boys' Basketball

Patrick Osbourne reported registration ended the end of October with 196. The jamboree was last weekend. The season starts December 2nd.

Girls Basketball

No representative, no report.

Cheerleading

No representative, no report.

Flag Football

Mitch Bevill reported they had approximately 304 kids last season. They sent out a survey and have received no bad responses. The concessions were great.

OTM Football

Mark Sasser reported that things are going well. They finished season three weeks ago.

JSYFL

No representative, no report.

Lacrosse

Per Rachel, registration ends next week. They had 20 teams this year. They are hoping to see an increase.

Seniors

No representative, no report.

Soccer

Per Rocky Harmon, two weeks ago they went to Foley and won five state championships for U19. Their junior and senior girl's teams both won state championships.

Let's Play Vestavia

Per Rocky, it's status quo, no issues.

Softball

No representative, no report.

Swimming

No representative, no report.

WRESTLING

Dave Johnston stated that the new wrestling facility opened on time. He thanked everyone who supported them. He invited everyone to check it out. They have between 50 and 60 kids but hope for around 70. He also introduced their new head coach, James Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson has travelled around the country training and stated that our new facility is one of the best in the country. President Myers thanked the wrestling board for what they have done through the years.

COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special called meeting set for December 5th, to discuss park board by-laws with the work session to immediately afterwards.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Earl Lawson, Anne Smyth seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Wrestling Club

Patrick Osborne/Girls Basketball

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Rachel Harwell/VCO

Mark Sasser/OTM Football

Mitch Bevill/VHFF

Leigh Belcher/VHPRF

James Nicholson/Wrestling