



**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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MINUTES**

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**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, President Earl Lawson called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Earl Lawson, President Kirk McCulley, Vice President David Myers Mitch Bevill Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	None
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** Mitch Bevill

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

President Lawson asked for a motion to approve the March 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. David Myers made a motion to approve. Kirk McCulley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

President Lawson asked for a motion to approve the February 20<sup>th</sup> work session minutes. David Myers made a motion to approve. Kirk McCulley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

- Nov 8, the city's Veterans Day Program held at VHUMC
- Eli Gold is guest speaker for National Senior Day August 21st
- Adult Transportation Drivers Luncheon 11o'clock Dogwood Room May 21st. Park Board members are welcome to attend.
- We have begun meetings with the Chamber in preparation for I Love America at Wald Park on June 28 with a makeup date of July 2.
- VHPR Foundation is working with a sign company to start putting up new signage at SHAC Park.

- On May 1, 2018, BSL noticed an issue with the filtration system, so they contacted Andy Lockhart with Clearwater Pools who is very familiar with the older type of equipment/systems of the Wald Park Pool in order for him to come inspect it the next day. In retrospect, I should have notified VSA about this issue on May 1, but the nature, significance or potential impact of the problem was not known at the time.
- On May 8, 2018, Clearwater Pools told us they found the company that originally installed the filter 20+ years ago (Miami Tank) and told them about the issue. During this time, the chemicals in the pool were being kept balanced by BSL and Andy said that as long as the chemicals are balanced, it is ok to use.
- On May 9, 2018, Clearwater Pools got a response from Miami Tank on what the issue was and a schedule of how long it would take Miami Tank to construct a rebuilt lateral system. They told BSL on May 10 and BSL told me that day. I tried to call Andy Lockhart at Clearwater Pools on May 11-May 13 but he was out of town and could not be reached so I could speak to him further about this issue and timing.
- On May 11-12, 2018, the chemicals were still being balanced for VSA to use on May 12 for their 1:30 new swimmer evaluations. So I gave VSA a heads up on May 11 about this and they ended up using YMCA pool because of the pool conditions.
- Today, I spoke with Andy Lockhart with Clearwater Pools and he says that basically the guts of the filter have blown out. It will be approximately \$15,000 to rebuild the lateral system within the filter. This would be a significant repair that would effectively close the pool and possibly be done by early July, which in any repair could take longer based on various factors. He mentioned that there would be no way of knowing this would have happened as this is an internal issue.
- So many other pool companies are swamped this time of year including our local Hollywood Pools.
- I will put in a call with YMCA to see what can be done with VSA using their facility. We will also need to consider refunding the memberships to Wald Pool and what to do for the rest of the summer. Right now we have less than 100 that have paid.
- I have notified West school about this in regards to their scheduled 3rd grade pool party (May 21) as well as our summer pool staff. I know you have already notified VSA. I also have notified the Chamber of Commerce about this issue as it affects the free swimming on I Love America.

#### Pool Discussion

President Lawson thanked Jason for his report and for his hard work on the pool problem. He thanked the mayor and Councilman Head as well for their support. He also thanked Rebecca Hartsough, president of VSA and Hunter Carroll, president of BSL for their attendance. He reassured them that their efforts toward increasing participation will not go unnoticed and the park board will do all it can to keep their programs where they are. He opened the floor for question to the park board and Jason in regards to the pool breakdown. Brian Davis stated they would have to go to the city council for an appropriation.

Rebecca Hart informed the board that with VSA having over 170 swimmers the YMCA cannot accommodate them. Nor they can accommodate the West 3<sup>rd</sup> grade pool party. Their goal is 200 swimmers. To have the pool shut down is frustrating.

The board discussed the possibility of rental equipment to run the pool. That would be the first option per President Lawson.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

The mayor said his experience with the sports leagues has been positive and he looks forward to the future.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

We are in communication with TCU, a consulting company recommended by the library, about the future and moving forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Park Board By-Law Revisions-**

Park Board By-Laws were presented in written form for consideration by the Park Board. These by-laws were discussed last month at the work session. Pursuant to our current by-laws, we are not able to vote on those today. This item will be postponed until the July park board meeting for approval.

### **Field Use Policy Variance (VHGSA)-**

Kirk McCulley said that Lyles Box had approached him several months ago about adapting the current field use policy rule in regard to their Vortex travel teams. In reducing the percentage of the residency requirement from 80% to 50%. Lyles came to the February work session meeting. He presented and answered lots of questions in regards to that. The major benefit is they could form two teams to four teams which would allow more girls to play within their own age group.

Per Lyles, he went out and tested the market of some other park sponsored travel teams such as Hoover and Trussville. They both have the 50% or less requirement in their parks. That fits within our market. He would be able to recruit girls from other parks. Instead of limiting Vestavia girls it would actually allow them to continue to play.

Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve the Field Use Policy Variance. David Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VHYB By-Law Revisions-**

Per Kirk McCulley, Bill Morrison, president of baseball talked to him about revising the by-laws, its governance and the shape of the board.

Per Bill, they wanted to change the name to Vestavia Hills Baseball Club. They are starting to reach into high school age kids and want to accommodate all youth including preteens. Also, the size of their board is challenging to manage. They would like go to a two tier board. A board of directors, made up of eight or nine people. Next, an executive committee.

President Lawson noted that the revised by-laws were sent out yesterday and have been read by everyone. But were not included. He will email them to supplement the packet.

President Lawson asked for a motion to approve the baseball by-law revisions. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve the VHYB By-Law Revisions. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PARK FOUNDATION REPORT**

No representative, no report.

## **POOL REPORT**

No representative, but covered in the directors report.

## **CONCESSIONS REPORT**

Concessionaire, Trent Turner, stated how some of the equipment at Liberty Park is aging and in need of replacing. He is putting together a master plan now.

## **LEAGUE REPORTS**

### **Baseball**

Bill Morrison said, for at least the past 7 years they have always had boys start leaving at the age of 10 for travel ball. Not one left this year. They had a player offered a 3 year college scholarship. He thanked the park board, David Myers and Kirk McCulley for their help. Earl thanked Bill for his service over the past 3 years.

### **Boys' Basketball**

No representative, no report. Kirk McCulley commented that the season went well.

### **Girls Basketball**

No representative, no report.

### **Cheerleading**

Per Allison Heard, they have registered 183 kids, 11 squads. Practice is in July.

### **Flag Football**

Mitch reported that all is good.

### **OTM Football**

Per Mark Sasser, registration participation has been typical. It closes the end of May.

### **JSYFL**

No representative, no report.

### **Lacrosse**

Rachel Harwell reported that their season is over. The jamboree was good. They had 40 teams this year. She thanked Trent and parks maintenance for their contributions. The high school varsity girls won 1<sup>st</sup> place in state.

### **Seniors**

Jason Burnett report that there will be a Veteran's Day program November 8<sup>th</sup> in the mid-afternoon. The speaker for the National Senior Citizen's Day program will be local radio personality, Eli Gold. August 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a seminar to discuss crimes against the elderly. Anne thanked Melanie Perry for putting the senior calendar online and cultivating a relationship between the kids at Cahaba Heights School and the New Merkel seniors.

### **Soccer**

No representative, no report.

### **Let's Play Vestavia**

No representative, no report.

### **Softball**

Per Sam Yother, softball finished the season on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Parent feedback has been good.

### **Swimming**

No representative, no report.

### **Wrestling**

Per Scott Nailen, the season has been going great. They have averaged about 50 kids. They will hold a camp in June.

### **COMMENTS**

The city is exploring the possibility of a relationship with D-1 Training Birmingham, to offer opportunities to our sport leagues.

Carolyn Huddle, VHEW, added her comments on the pool filtration system breakdown and the negative affects it would have on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade pool party.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next work session will be on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. in the city hall Executive Conference room.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall Executive Conference room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Anne Smyth. Kirk McCulley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

### **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Trenton Turner/Turner Food Service  
Phillip Wood/BSL  
Lyle Box/VHGSA  
Rebecca Hartsough/VSA  
Rachel Harwell/VLO  
Mark Sasser/OTM  
Allison Herr/Little Rebel Cheerleading  
Caroline Hottle/VHEW  
Scott Nailen/Vestavia Wrestling Club  
Hunter Carroll/BSL  
Chad Long/VHYB