



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

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MAYOR

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DIRECTOR

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES**

CHRISTOPHER BRADY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

January 16th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, January 16th, 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 New Member Mitch Bevill
Park Board Members absent were:	None
Mayor Ashley Curry	Absent
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 David Myers

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF 2018 PARK BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

President Myers called the meeting to order and thanked the board for allowing him to service as president for the past year. He then called for nominations for new park board president and vice-president. Anne Smyth nominated Earl Lawson as president and Kirk McCulley as vice-president. Council Representative Paul Head seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was turned over to Earl Lawson. Earl thanked David for the great job he did as president.

WELCOME TO MITCH BEVILL-

President Lawson welcomed new park board member Mitch Bevill aboard.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21ST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Lawson asked for a motion to approve the November 21st regular meeting minutes. Kirk McCulley made a motion to approve. David Myers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5TH SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

President Lawson asked for a motion to approve the December 5th work session minutes. Mitch Bevill made a motion to approve. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5TH WORK SESSION MINUTES

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Meeting with various sign companies for the Foundation to see about new signage for SHAC Park. It will include an entrance/directional sign, park and trail layout, donor recognition board, and mile marker posts for trail.
- Grand opening ceremony for McCallum Park trails went well. Great for mountain biking, hiking, cross country running, or even just walking the dog.
- We have two new front office staff members at Rec Center, Cornessa Samuels and Lou Ella Watkins.
- Special thanks to Melanie Perry who runs our New Merkel senior center for doing such a great job in planning and organizing the city's Christmas Parade at LP. This was her first year to run it and she did a wonderful job.
- On the first Tuesday of each month, Fox 6 news gives the Freshwater Land Trust a time slot during Good Day Alabama to promote their Red Rock Trail system. For the month of February, they plan to promote McCallum Park. It will take place on Tuesday, February 6th at McCallum Park, and they ask for everyone to arrive at 7am.

MAYORS REPORT

In the mayor's absence, the city council representative Paul Head stated they are looking forward to the community spaces recommendations.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Brian Davis referenced the community spaces meeting on Thursday as well from 10 to 12 as well and requested the board attend if possible. Also, he stated we are closer to receiving the mining reclamation economic development grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Park Board By-Laws Revisions. No Action to be taken at this meeting (This item was tabled from previous work session 12-5-17).

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Baseball Field Modifications

President Lawson asked Kirk McCulley as the liaison to the baseball board to read through the modifications and if there is a motion to be made for him to make the motion. He read the following:

Item #1- VHYB would like permission to add 70' base paths to LP 1. This would accommodate age groups through age 12. STS has given us an estimate for \$5,300.00 for the conversion and an additional \$500.00 to relocate a sprinkler head. (Pending VHYB Board approval [on January 21, 2018.](#)) David Myers and Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Item # 2 -VHYB would like permission to add 80' base paths to LP9. (Pending the receiving of an estimate from STS and VHYB Board approval on January 21, 2018.) Mitch Bevill and Anne Smyth seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Item # 3-Also, VHYB would like to be the “gatekeeper” for all baseball scheduling for baseball fields managed by Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board during the months of January through June of each calendar year. We have enlisted Chad Long as our Director of Operations. Part of his duties is to schedule fields. We would accommodate any baseball team that meets the residency requirements as set forth by Parks and Rec (currently 80%). We would make concessions in the price of registration if teams furnished their own uniforms, chose not to get pictures, or use other VHYB services. This would ensure that all Parks and Rec fees are collected through VHYB. Further, it will ensure that VHYB is able to collect from all baseball teams the fees we embed in the cost of registration for the upkeep of batting cages. This would be a more fair system to all the residents of Vestavia who pay for the upkeep of batting cages by playing through VHYB. David Myers and Anne Smyth opposed the motion. The vote failed unanimously.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

No representative, no report.

POOL REPORT

Phillip Wood reported that the pool is in good condition. There was some damage to one of the fence post but maintenance took care of it. We had some BSL and Vestavia high school swimmers that did well in the state championships.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

No representative. No report. Earl asked Jason to follow up with Turner Systems.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball

Per Bill Morrison, VHYB just approved \$6,325.00 for batting cages Mick Fieldbinder has been enlisted as head coach. Every coach will be required to train with him. We have a competitive league for 11 year olds now. Overall about the same number registered as last year.

Boys’ Basketball

No representative, no report.

Girls Basketball

No representative, no report.

Cheerleading

No representative, no report. Per Jason, Mindy Tarrant is rotating off. Allison Herr will be the new president.

Flag Football

No representative, no report. Per Jason, Jennifer Weaver is interim flag football president through the end of February.

OTM Football

No representative, no report.

JSYFL

No representative, no report.

Lacrosse

No representative, no report.

Seniors

No representative, no report.

Soccer

Rocky Harmon reported soccer had five teams to go to the Disney Showcase. They have a coach's clinic on the 27th. They start practices on February 5th.

Let's Play Vestavia

Per Rocky, adult pickup soccer on Sunday mornings and Alternate Frisbee

Softball

No representative, no report.

Swimming

No representative, no report.

Wrestling

Dave Johnston stated wrestling is in full swing. We have over 70 kids. Four kids went to the AAU Nationals. We have had two informal matches at the new facility. The board is working on programs and scheduling for the state tournament in mid-February.

COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next work session will be on Tuesday, February 20th, 11:30 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by David Myers, Anne Smyth seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Phillip Wood/BSL

Bill Morrison/VHYB

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Wrestling Club

Rocky Harmon/Vestavia Soccer