



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

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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

**March 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Tommy Coggin Anne Smyth
Park Board Members absent were:	Kirk McCulley
Mayor Ashley Curry	Present
Council Representative Paul Head	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Jason Burnett, Superintendent Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services Julie Harper, Civic Activities Coordinator
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Tommy Coggin

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Earl Lawson made a motion to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Tommy Coggin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> WORK SESSION MINUTES**

President Myers asked for a motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> work session minutes. Tommy Coggin made a motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> work session minutes. Earl Lawson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

- Jason attended the state all-star basketball tournament and we had two girls' teams win it all in 9U and 10U. First time ever, we have had more than one champ in the same year.
- Working with a couple who have applied for our Legacy Tree Program to have a tree planted in memory of their son. It will be a willow oak planted along the sidewalk adjacent to Little Shades Creek.

- We put together a litter cleanup day in conjunction with KVHB on March 11. Pickup spots were at Hwy 31 city entrance and on Cahaba Heights Road near I-459.
- The LVH and Barons baseball clinic is coming back to Wald Park after two years of being at Regions Field. It's the annual baseball clinic for special needs athletes. That will be on April 25 at 11am.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Curry expressed his admiration of the condition of the ball fields and how STS has done a great job in making them look so good as well as all of the volunteers who have worked with them. President Myers agreed with the Mayor that STS and our volunteers have done a tremendous job in working together.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

From Brian Davis,

- Our litter cleanup generated excitement and interest from the public that some even have asked for supplies to do it on a personal basis around our city.
- SHAC Phase II is moving forward.
- The Meadow Lawn project is still ongoing with the construction of the playground.
- Sicard Hollow Road is in the process of a repaving project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *VHPR rec fees*

President Myers stated the proposal is to increase rec fees effective October 1, 2017 due to capital improvements and increased operating expenses. There was also comparison to other communities conducted and fees were adjusted to be in line with other communities at 16% of operating budget. New fee would be \$40/resident and \$65/non-resident. Tommy Coggin made a motion to accept the proposal. Earl Lawson seconded the motion. In discussion, clarification was made that the sport boards would set their registration fees accordingly. The vote was unanimous, motion carries.

### *BSL contract*

Earl Lawson stated that the current contract with BSL is set to expire May 26, 2017. The proposal would be to draft a new year to year contract that would include termination clauses in the event of pool repairs or a new aquatic facility. This would be reviewed by the city attorney. Earl Lawson made a motion to accept the proposal. Anne Smyth seconded the motion. In discussion, the pool hours will remain unchanged this year due to time requirement to ensure proper pool chemical application and testing as well as swim team practice schedules. The possibility remains that in future years, pool hours could be expanded through proper budgetary and personnel planning. The vote was unanimous, motion carries.

## **PARK FOUNDATION REPORT**

Absent.

## **POOL REPORT**

Phillip Wood said they have purchased a new vacuum to clean the pool. All seems to be running well, and they look forward to continuing their relationship with the city under the new contract.

## **CONCESSIONS REPORT**

Trent Turner said their numbers are increasing with the spring sports in session and that all is running smoothly.

## **LEAGUE REPORTS**

### Baseball-

Bill Morrison reported that baseball has about 1100 participants, fields are looking great thanks to STS, and that the parking at Cahaba Heights has worked out well.

Boys' Basketball – no representative, no report.

### Girls Basketball-

Patrick Osborne reported that through the efforts of Coach Casey, they were able to use VHHS gym for the championship games in 12U. They had 2 all-star teams win the state championship March 12.

Cheerleading – no representative, no report.

### Flag Football-

Mitch Bevill stated registration is in May.

### OTM-

Mark Sasser stated registration is in May.

### JSYFL-

Dan McMurray stated registration is in May.

### Lacrosse-

Per Rachel Harwell, season is ongoing and they have 233 kids.

### Seniors-

Per Julie, she has been working with Cindy Monk to help seniors in their decluttering and living needs. She is also working with the Mayor in welcoming a Russian delegation to the city on April 8.

### Soccer-

Per Rocky Harmon, soccer season is ongoing, Top Soccer program is about to begin, fields are looking great thanks to STS, and 18 seniors will be moving on to play college soccer next fall.

### Let's Play Vestavia-

Rocky said the Hammers are back and they have their home dates set.

### Softball-

Lyles Box reported that season is ongoing with about 140 participants. They are combining with other communities in the leagues for numbers and fields are looking great thanks to STS.

### Swimming-

Earl introduced Monica Carroll as the new VSA president.

### Wrestling-

Per Dave Johnston, the state tournament was in March and had several state champs. Please keep Will Nailen in

prayers for his recently diagnosed cancer.

### **COMMENTS**

Tommy Coggin spoke with some parents and how impressed they were on how much nicer our fields looked compared to Hoover's. Big thanks to Specialty Turf Supply (STS) and all of their hard work.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the city hall conference room.

The next work session is TBD.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.

### **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Phillip Wood/BSL

Lyles Box/VHGSA

Dave Johnston/Vestavia Hills Wrestling Club

Rocky Harmon/Soccer

Trent Turner/Concessions

Mitch Bevill/Flag Football

Donna Williamson/BSL

Rachel Harwell/VLO

Mark Sasser/OTM

Dan McMurray/VHYF

Patrick Osborne/VHYGB