



**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

September 17th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, September 17th, President Kirk McCulley called the Vestavia Park Board meeting to order at 7:03 a.m.

Park Board Members present were:	Kirk McCulley, President Lyles Box
Park Board Members absent were:	Mitch Bevill, Vice President Earl Lawson David Myers
Mayor Ashley Curry	Present
Council Representative Paul Head	Present
Parks and Recreation Staff Members:	Brian C. Davis, Director of Public Services B. J. Dubose, Administrative Supervisor

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Kirk McCulley

APPROVAL OF JULY 16TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the July 16th regular meeting minutes. Lyles Box made a motion to approve. Paul Head seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 23RD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the August 23rd work session minutes. Lyles Box made a motion to approve. Paul Head seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The superintendent was absent. No report.

MAYORS REPORT

The seniors who used the Lodge are now in the Dogwood Room and are pleased.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Wald park renovations are moving along. The maintenance building and Senior Lodge are down. The Cahaba Heights earth work is moving along. Sicard Hollow Futsal courts, pavilion, and sand volleyball courts are coming. Tunnel to start next week.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Boys' Basketball Board By-Law Revisions

President McCulley stated that the basketball board by-law changes are as follows:

III, F. Head Coaches selection process.

III, G. The addition of a board member appointee who would oversee and be a liaison to private select youth basketball organizations.

Paul asked, why are we changing how we do outside leagues? Per Neil Gilbert, they are seeking to improve Vestavia basketball in general and to seek representation for those leagues. They have representation but want to have a process around it. Per Kirk, IF this passes, it doesn't guarantee boys basketball any type of official recognition from any of these private leagues. It's just a step in the process that those private leagues have asked boys basketball to prove they have approval from the park and recreation board to add a liaison for these types of entities into our by-laws. There is no guarantee that any of the leagues will even recognize this even after the fact. And going a step further, should this pass and one or more these leagues recognizes your representative to be the official person that designates teams, what is your process going to be for selection of teams into leagues? Kirk stated, its first come, first serve.

The teams are submitted to the current rep. That current rep researches the players on that team, 1 person, four grades. And if they can't determine who it is, then it goes to the Mountain Brook league for them to decide. Right now, the league only allows two teams per grade and it's literally one person's opinion of who should go into that league. Paul thinks adding more people to the mix as far as who decides, almost makes it worse. Paul said he pauses when a sports board or a parks and recreation board wants to get involved with deciding where kids can or cannot play. President McCulley said the goal as a board is to strengthen all youth sports. Where ever there is an advanced opportunity to play you may lose kids. President McCulley asked, would the basketball board be open to be having the ability to be the representative with the understanding that there would not be a requirement for those kids to play rec basketball? Neil stated it's something they have discussed. Being allowed to go seek representation is definitely a first step. Part of it is to install a process behind everything and not go through just one individual and from that you can develop any type of process you want that seems fit the community. He said the goal is to strengthen Vestavia basketball. It's being depleted because of private teams. They are just looking to improve the process.

Paul said he has a problem with Vestavia Hills' leagues determining whether a child participates or not in a certain league they want to play in. Discussion closed per Kirk. There are still lots of questions. Kirk wants to see the process of how teams will be chosen. Kirk stated that there are some coaches' selection pieces that are important for this season that he would like to vote on.

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the follow items of the revised by-laws:

III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

E. League Directors

7. The Executive Board has right of removal of league directors whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the league and/or its players at any time during the season.

F. Head Coaches

4. Head coaches will select assistant coaches after the player draft has taken place. Assistants Cannot be selected before teams are determined.

6. The Executive Board has right of removal of coaches whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the league and/or its players at any time during the season.

And to omit the following from III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS to be tabled till further discussion as soon as the October work session:

G. Non-VHYB League Basketball

1. The Executive Board will appoint someone to serve as Vestavia's Representative ("Rep") to leagues requiring such representation. An example of such a league is Over the Mountain (OTM) basketball league.

2. "Rep" responsibilities will be determined by the league itself. It can include, but is not limited to, the selection of Vestavia teams to participate in the league.

Lyles Box made a motion to omit III., G. till further discussion by the park board. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Lyles Box made a motion to vote on III., items E.7, F. 4 and 6. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Lightning Policy

Brian stated he has appointments with three companies to look at technological advances. He asked to move forward with the revised lightning policy to have so that we could be more advanced.

President McCulley asked for a motion to approve the revised lighting policy. Lyles Box made a motion to approve the revised lightning policy. Paul Head seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Buffalo Rock Agreement

Brian made the board aware of the agreement between Buffalo Rock and the city for pouring rights and scoreboard maintenance. They will give the city \$10,000 for three, 1 year terms. This is consistent with what's been done in the past.

PARK FOUNDATION REPORT

No representative. No report.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Frank Hernandez reported sales for 8 days of open concessions at SHAC and Soccer were \$9,300.00 gross. Weeknight \$1,100.00 and weekends \$300.00 to \$500.00. Per Brian, we are finalizing the RFP.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Baseball

No representative. No report.

Boys' Basketball

Per President McCulley, registration is open.

Girls Basketball

No representative. No report.

Cheerleading

No representative. No report.

Flag Football

President McCulley that in speaking with Mitch flags numbers are around 346.

Tackle Football

No representative. No report.

Lacrosse

No representative. No report.

Seniors

No representative. No report.

Soccer

Rocky Harmon touched on the lightning policy saying that whatever policy we have to assume but if it isn't followed by the coaches it is irrelevant. They've created a new soccer league in the city along with 6 other area clubs and went to a professional asking if they would like title sponsorship of it. They accepted and it is called the Legion FC D-League. The league joins boys and girls teams playing in U9, U10, and U11 divisions from six local youth clubs (Birmingham United Soccer Association, Briarwood Soccer Club, Homewood Soccer Club, Hoover Soccer Club, Trussville United Soccer Club, and Vestavia Hills Soccer Club). All games are on Saturday morning, done by noon. The season starts November 2nd. Professional players come to the games and hangout on the bench with the kids. They painted a mural in honor of Coach Ken Headley at Liberty Park. Last night, 250 came to annual college night. This Sunday starts Top soccer for disadvantaged kids.

Softball

Chad Gay said opening weekend is coming up. They did have one game this past Sunday. A 12U team played against Hoover and won. They had 2, 6U teams, 3 teams each in 8, 10, 12U. They did win against Mountain Brook. They have 105 Players. Two 10U Vortex teams. For a total of 135 players.

Swimming

No representative. No report.

Volleyball

Brian said they have 155 girls.

Wrestling

No representative. No report.

COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next work session will be on Friday, October 18th at 11:30 in the city hall Executive Conference Room.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th, 7:00 a.m. in the city hall Executive Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Hernandez/Liberty Park Concessions

Shelley Genty

Chad Gay/VHGSA

Rocky Harmon/Vestavia Soccer

Neil Gilbert/Boys Basketball