

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

March 16, 2016

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Tom Kuhl, Vann Saltz, Sherry Sullivan, Charlie Langham, Mary Gammer, Cathy Hudson, Derek Thomas & Mike Ford (both arrived at 5:25 p.m.), and Diana Brewer (arrived at 5:30 p.m.) Michelle Smith (left at 6:08 p.m.), Absent Bob Keyser. Gayle Fogarty took minutes at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Mary Gammer, none opposed.

Guests: Eleanor Mauritsen of FTA and Barbara Ochsner, resident and tennis advocate

Sherry Sullivan provided a recap of the three types of tennis courts were bid: (6) Six Asphalt, (6) Six Hydro or (2) Two Hydro & (4) Four Asphalt

Sherry provided pricing on each of the above combinations to the Rec Board and shared that it will cost approximately \$60,000 for maintenance of the hydro courts. She also informed the group that she submitted an authorization to hire to the City for the position of a tennis pro. Vann Saltz stated some concerns for the new position, as they would be responsible for maintenance of hydro courts and policing of the courts if they are selected over asphalt. Sherry informed the group that many municipalities throughout the state charge a fee for people to play on a hydro court surface. These locations offer an annual fees or fee range from \$2 to \$6, depending on a person's age (ie: students, senior) and length of time they occupy the court to play. The budgeted amount for the tennis court project is \$300,000, which includes courts, fencing and does not include lighting. Lighting for the courts will be considered in the next budget year. There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of each type of court.

A motion was made to recommend to the Fairhope City Council the installation of six (6) hydro tennis courts, totaling: \$409,897.90, 1st motioned by Michelle Smith, 2nd by Mary Gammer, motion passed, four in favor and two opposed.

Discussion of Five Year Plan: There was general discussion of the 5 year plan, Sherry suggested making a few changes to the current plan. Sherry asked Gayle Fogarty to send the updated 5 year plan to the City Clerk to add to the upcoming City Council work session on April 11.

A motion was made to recommend to the Fairhope City Council the naming of the "Fairhope Soccer Complex" located on Manley Road, 1st motioned by Derek Thomas, 2nd by Charlie Langham and unanimously carried.

Recreation Update: Tom Kuhl informed the group that the grass is going down at the new park, BBQ & Brew was held last Saturday, and Opening day of Baseball was on Sunday. Softball opening day was postponed to a later date. Charlie Langham added that the Booster Club will have a food booth at the Arts & Crafts festival by the Fairhope Museum.

Sherry asked that Gayle send the two motions made at the meeting to the City Clerk to present to the City Council for final consideration.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.