

## Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

June 15, 2016

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, June 15, 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, Bob Keyser, Diana Brewer (arrived at 5:40 p.m.) and Michelle Smith. Absent: Derek Thomas and Mike Ford. 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 May 18, 2016 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

**Old Business:** Van Saltz inquired if Tom Kuhl had received any follow up from Jarred & Blake Richardson of Go Kickball regarding forming a Kickball League. Tom informed the group that he has not heard from them since the last meeting.

**New Business:** Sherry Sullivan introduced Tomas Catar, City of Fairhope tennis pro to the Recreation Board. The board was very pleased to meet him and wished him well in his new position. Sherry added that she and Tomas will be meeting soon to discuss fees for the clay courts, tennis camp schedules for all ages and additional logistics of the tennis program. Michelle Smith inquired about parking at the Tennis Courts, there was general discussion among the board, and further discussion will take place as the tennis program grows.

**Fairhope Soccer Complex Update:** Sherry Sullivan provided an update of the soccer complex, she stated that all the fields and common areas will be completed in the next few weeks. Plantings along Hwy 13 are in progress. Sherry also mentioned that Fairhope Single Tax Corp. (FSTC) offered to give \$300,000 to the City of Fairhope for the Fairhope Soccer Complex building, if the City matches \$200,000 and provides \$100,000 of in-kind services. She added that at this time no discussion between the Mayor and Council have taken place.

**Visitors Concession Stand at the Stadium Update:** Bob Keyser inquired about the Visitors Concession Stand at the Stadium, Sherry stated that it is not in the budget this year. There was general discussion of an A/C unit needed for the concession stand, Sherry stated that it will be considered next budget year. Charlie Langham asked about an ADA survey being completed at the stadium. Sherry stated that an ADA accessibility survey is currently being done of the bathrooms at the beach front park and the volanta stadium, once that is complete the City will review. Tom added that funds will be requested for ADA upgrades in the upcoming budget. Cathy Hudson asked about the Booster Club's suggestion of adding stadium seating, Sherry informed the group that no action has been taken on this item. Charlie Langham asked Diana Brewer that a pre-fab home press box be considered for the next budget year.

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl informed the group that the Dixie Youth Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Tournaments are coming up. Also, irrigation is being installed at the Fairhope Soccer Complex. Sherry stated that the board that the survey of the Baseball fields is complete and is awaiting council approval.

Bob Keyser stated that the soccer tournament is set for February 2017, Cathy Hudson informed the board that swim is going well, she has 180-200 new swimmers, 280 kids signed up for summer swim, assistant coaches are FHS students, and a relay meet is set for June 30, this year's City meet will be held in Gulf Shores.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.