

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

March 15, 2017

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Tom Kuhl, Sherry-Lea Bloodworth Botop, Mary Gammer, Charlie Langham, Bob Keyser, Derek Thomas, Michelle Smith, and Cathy Hudson. Absent: Vann Saltz, Jay Robinson and Robert Brown. Gayle Fogarty took minutes at the meeting. Guests: Stephanie Reeves, Joe Comer and Jessica Watkins

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:18 p.m. The minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Derek Thomas, none opposed.

Youth Football: Stephanie Reeves addressed the Rec Board and requested that the Barnwell Youth Football field be named after Mike McLaughlin, Cathy Hudson asked that Stephanie send a bio to the board to be reviewed, Stephanie stated that she would send Tom Kuhl, Mike's bio. Bob Keyser asked that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

Volanta Park Master Plan Update: Joe Comer provided renderings of the Volanta Park Master Plan and described the layout to the board members. Suggestions included: adding extra fields, adding extra length to some of the fields, adding extra parking spaces, and provide better flow and use of space. There was general discussion among the members. A motion was made by the Recreation Board to recommend the Volanta Park Master Plan to the City Council, on a motion by Charlie Langham and seconded by Mary Gammer, none opposed.

Get Fit by Jessica: Fit Mama Bootcamp Franchise Agreement Discussion: Jessica Watkins addressed the Rec Board members requesting their approval for Get Fit by Jessica: Fit Mama Bootcamp to have a franchise agreement with the City of Fairhope. There was general discussion among the members, Bob Keyser asked that she update the application with when and where the classes will take place and report back to the board.

Recreation Update: Tom Kuhl informed the group that softball, baseball and soccer's opening day went very well.

Announcements: Cathy Hudson stated that Tom Kuhl and his staff did an excellent job on soccer's opening day.

Robert Brown stated that the soccer complex turned out great, and is glad the players have warm-up space next to the fields.

Mary Gammer stated that the Fairhope Tennis Tournament is coming along and will be held April 7-8, 2017 at the Mike Ford Tennis Center at Fairhope Stimpson Park.

Michelle Smith stated that she wants to talk about having an open water swim event in Fairhope.

Charlie Langham stated that the corner of Co. Rd. 13 and Co. Rd. 44 looked clean, grass cut and told Tom Kuhl he and his staff did a good job.

Bob Keyser informed the board members that the FHS wrestling program finished up for the season, and placed 2nd in the state tournament. He added that soccer is underway and girls softball is # 1 in the state.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.