

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Cathy Hudson, Mary Gammer, Michelle Smith, Charlie Langham, Tom Kuhl and Vann Saltz. Absent: Jay Robinson, Bob Keyser and Derek Thomas. Gayle Fogarty took minutes at the meeting. Guests: Michael Rogers, John & Catherine Reynolds

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Mary Gammer, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Guests: Michael Rogers, John & Catherine Reynolds attended the Fairhope Rec Board meeting. Michael Rogers will be transferring the name of Fairhope Swim to John and Catherine Reynolds in August of 2018. They will take over the franchise agreement of Fairhope Swim. There was general discussion among the board members, and it was determined that taking over a franchise agreement is not possible, so John & Catherine will take over the name Fairhope Swim, but will need to complete their own franchise agreement paperwork. A motion was made by Charlie Langham to recommend to the Fairhope City Council for John and Catherine Reynolds to offer swim lessons under the name Fairhope Swim at the Fairhope Recreation Center Pool, a franchise agreement application is required, and a business license would need to be obtained if the franchise agreement is approved by the City Council, the motion was seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

Updates: Tom Kuhl provided an update on the recreation department, he informed the board that a concrete slab is about to be installed at the tennis center for a 12-foot fiberglass wall for use of one-person tennis practice. He added that the City council approved the maintenance barn (30 x 50 building) contract at the soccer field, he is hoping to have it signed this week. The Rec dept and youth baseball have partnered to install batting cages, and the City has not installed the sod yet. An Eagle Scout approached Tom about doing an Eagle Scout project of helping complete this project. It will involve building and installing 4-5 benches (supplies will be provided by youth baseball) and laying sod (provided by the City) near the batting cages. Once the project is complete, Tom would like to recognize these scouts at a council meeting. He added that a fuel tank for the Marina will arrive on Monday. Tennis and Golf are going well, summer youth clinics will begin soon. Tom commented that parking was an issue during high school graduation and parking inside the stadium during football games has become a problem. Vann Saltz stated that on behalf of the Recreation Board, Tom has their support to take any action needed to ensure the safety of individuals on the field. Tom added that all the employees at the Rec Center have been trained to use the AED that was donated to the City by Eastern Shore Masters Swimming and will have it mounted on the wall, he also stated that he is still actively looking for property for the City to consider purchasing to use for recreation. Cathy Hudson informed the board that 280 kids are signed up for summer swim. Cathy and Michelle Smith commented the need for a swim complex. Mary Gammer stated that the FTA tournament was rained out, and the group ended up having a social instead. She said, things are going well at the tennis center. Charlie Langham stated that he received some comments about needing handicap accommodations for grandparents during the high school graduation and that the stadium needs to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Tom commented that he felt the Baldwin County Board of Education should help through funding to make the stadium ADA compliant.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.