

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

February 19, 2014

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting room at the Recreation Center, 803 N Greeno Rd.

Present were Jenny Douglass, Bob Keyser, Vann Saltz, Michelle Smith, Cathy Hudson, Tom Kuhl and Sherry Sullivan. Absent were Derek Thomas, Diana Brewer and Mike Ford. Gayle Fogarty took the minutes.

The minutes of the February meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, second by Jenny Douglass, none opposed.

Recreation Update – Tom Kuhl provided an update to the group stating that he is working with Rotary to get the fitness stations installed. He was informed by Howard Eddy of the Fairhope Rotary Club that they didn't have enough money to purchase all the equipment, so they were going to speak with Fairhope Single Tax about securing additional funding. Bob Keyser is going to contact Sid Vogal of the Fairhope Rotary and have him call Tom Kuhl, as Tom is having trouble getting in touch with him. Tom reviewed a few upcoming events - March 1, Softball Opening Day; March 8, Baseball Opening Day; March 15, Soccer Opening Day.

Update on Tennis - Sherry Sullivan provided an update on tennis stating that Brad Townsend has been terminated by the City. Sherry informed other individuals that are using the courts that teach tennis, that they must have a franchise agreement to teach at the Fairhope Tennis Courts. Tom Kuhl and Sherry have discussed the possibility of hiring a tennis professional to work at the courts.

Update on Community Park – Sherry Sullivan provided an update to the group stating that she, Diana Brewer and Mike Ford met with Clay Adams. The project has been bid. Sherry shared with the group a rendering of the park. She added that demolition will be done the week of March 17 and a ground breaking estimated for around April 20 and completion by the end of May.

Update on Team Summit – Sherry Sullivan provided an update on the team summit that was held on February 18. Sherry stated that the summit was successful and several of the sports leagues were represented. Representatives from soccer, swim and baseball were not in attendance. Topics discussed at summit were: insurance, rec board, budgets, etc.

Update on Pool Maintenance/Swim Lessons – Sherry Sullivan provided an update on pool maintenance stating that \$15,000 worth of pool maintenance has been completed. Bathrooms have been redone, deck repainted, repaired ceiling, just to name a few items. Sherry also stated that Brittany Hoover resigned from the position of pool manager. The position of pool programs coordinator has been offered to a male candidate from Auburn, although he has not accepted the job yet. Sherry added that the pool staff is working to offer swim lessons to the public, more information will be provided once the details are finalized.

Update on Manley Road – Sherry Sullivan provided an update to the group on Manley Road. She shared a preliminary layout/design to the group. The entrances/exits from the soccer complex will be on County Road 13. A meeting with the City departments to discuss logistics of the budget, ie: lighting, plumbing, planting grass, etc. is still required before moving further with the project. There was general discussion of the plans and layout.

New Business – Vann Saltz stated that due to Kevin Grimes resigning from the Recreation Board, there is now an open seat on the board. He added that one application has been submitted for the opening, the applicant is Charlie Langham. Bob Keyser made a motion to recommend Charlie Langham be added as a member of the Recreation Board to the Fairhope City Council, in accordance with the Recreation Board bi-laws allowing a resident of Fairhope, not living in the city limits to be on the board, seconded by Cathy Hudson. The motion was considered and approved, none opposed. Sherry added that Basketball has over 350 participants, Softball has 175 participants and Baseball is nearing 700 participants.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned.