

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

September 17, 2014

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting room at the Recreation Center, 803 N Greeno Rd.

Present were Mike Ford, Michelle Smith, Sherry Sullivan (left meeting at 5:25 p.m.), Derek Thomas, Bob Keyser, Charlie Langham, Tom Kuhl, Jenny Douglass (arrived at 5:25 p.m.), Diana Brewer (arrived at 5:30 p.m.) and Cathy Hudson (arrived at 5:35 p.m.). Vann Saltz was absent. Gayle Fogarty took the minutes.

A quorum was established and the official meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser. The minutes of the August meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Michelle Smith, none opposed.

New Business –

Sherry Sullivan provided an update stating that AMEA has awarded to the City of Fairhope an \$8,000 grant for the purchase of AED units, they will be installed at the soccer field and youth football field. Bob Keyser added that the FHS school trainer has an additional AED unit will available during school functions. Logistics of having the units checked daily are being considered. The City's insurance company suggested implementing a program geared toward Child Safety. Sherry worked with the Police Department to create a program to address this need. The staff at the Rec Center has already completed the class. Sherry mentioned that this course would be beneficial to the leagues and coaches as well.

Sherry added that she and Tom Kuhl attended a workshop hosted by AL Parks & Rec, the workshop focused mainly on liabilities of recreation departments. Sherry and Tom are working to implement maintenance and safety manuals for the parks and will begin doing regular walkthroughs. Sherry stated that this workshop would be beneficial to the leagues/coaches at the team summit. Michelle Smith and a couple members of the ESMS shared comments pertaining to the pool. Tom Kuhl asked that she set a meeting with him to discuss further.

Bob Keyser also mentioned that the Booster Club purchased a concession trailer that will be used on Friday. It should help alleviate the crowds. The City gas department rebuilt the grill and Fairhope Iron Works did a complete rebuild. He added that a play date with 50 teams was held last weekend, opening Day for FSL will be September 20, 2014; Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (32 teams) October 4 - 5, 2014; Halloween Tournament – October 25-26, 2014 (currently 74 teams registered)

Recreation Update – Tom Kuhl provided an update stating that youth football opened last weekend and FHS Homecoming is this Friday. Mike Ford inquired about the Barnwell fields; he stated that he and Tom Kuhl are looking into the lease agreement.

Manley Road Discussion – Bob Keyser shared the latest conceptual plan of the Manley Road Soccer Complex with the group. The complex will go out on rebid, Items that may not be part of the new bid: prep work, possibly championship fields, reduction of paving (sidewalks). These items may be left out, although can be added at a later date. There was general discussion of the complex. Bob stated that he hopes to have more information available at the next meeting.

Swim Update -

Cathy Hudson provided an update on swim stating that the team competed at McGill last weekend. Helen Legg won her diving event. First meet will be in 2 weeks, 30 girls and 17 boys currently participating.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.