

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

November 19, 2014

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

Present were Mike Ford, Bob Keyser, Charlie Langham, Tom Kuhl, Cathy Hudson, Vann Saltz and Jenny Douglass (left at 6 p.m.). Diana Brewer, Sherry Sullivan, Michelle Smith and Derek Thomas were absent. Gayle Fogarty took the minutes. Guest: Jennifer Steiniger and several members of the Fairhope Tennis Association.

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz. The minutes of the October meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

Discussion of Tennis Courts/Rules -

Jennifer Steiniger shared concerns about the Tennis Courts/Tennis Building with the rec board. Jennifer stated that she did not see a problem with having her four children sit inside the Tennis Building while she and her husband play tennis, when weather temperatures are an issue. There was general discussion among the group regarding this topic. Charlie Langham informed Jennifer that the group would work on the rules for the Tennis Courts/Building and will get back in her soon.

Members of the Fairhope Tennis Association attended the meeting regarding the 6 additional tennis courts that will be built in 2015. The FTA recommends that the City install soft courts rather than hard courts. There was general discussion among the group regarding the benefits of soft courts vs. hard courts. The FTA suggested having two soft courts and four hard courts installed, if possible. Currently the FTA has 52 members, majority of members are over 50 years of age, and membership is \$15 a year. The Rec Board thanked the FTA for sharing their suggestions/recommendation and would look into the

Vann Saltz stated that a policy needs to be in place for buildings and parks. A motion was made proposing a policy that no unsupervised minor be allowed in any Recreation Buildings within the City of Fairhope. The motion was considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Vann requested that Gayle Fogarty send the motion to City Clerk Lisa Hanks, so that it can be added to the City Council Agenda for further consideration.

The Rec Board agreed to meet at the Tennis Courts in the Tennis Building for the December 17, Rec Board Meeting. Vann asked that everyone look at the current rules at the Tennis Court. Tom Kuhl suggested moving the location of the tennis rules sign to be closer to the tennis building.

Tennis Center Update - Tom Kuhl updated the group on the construction of the new tennis courts. He stated that the bid process for the tennis courts will begin in January 2015. Tom provided information on soft courts. He shared his concerns regarding the maintenance involved in having soft courts vs. hard courts. Tom also shared information on the Manley project stating that there will be a construction manager meeting soon, there will be 4 presentations.

Manley Road Soccer Complex – Tom Kuhl provided an updated on the soccer complex. Four construction manager companies will make presentations to the City Council on December 17 in the City Council Chambers.

Updates – Tom Kuhl informed the group that the AED units have arrived and will be installed at the soccer & football fields. He also noted that the child endangerment classes are coming up. The Team summit will take place the end of January 2015. Tom mentioned that Coke bid came in and Pepsi and

Coca-Cola were the only bids that came in and Coca-Cola will be awarded the 3 year contract by the City. Bob Keyser added that Cross Country Boys are 7th in State and Girls are 9th in State and football is Elite 8.

Swim Update -

Cathy Hudson provided an update on swim stating that the swim sectionals are this Friday. They have 15 people swimming and hope for 12 to get through; the state meet is the second week in December.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.