

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

August 19, 2015

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Vann Saltz, Bob Keyser, Sherry Sullivan, Cathy Hudson, Mary Gammer, Derek Thomas, Mike Ford and Gayle Fogarty took minutes. Diana Brewer, Charlie Langham, Tom Kuhl and Michelle Smith were absent. Guest: Al Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the July meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

Recreation Update: Sherry Sullivan provided an update for the group, she stated that football starts this week, the new concession stand is in up and they will be serving out of it on Friday night. Soccer hosted a tournament this weekend; soccer opening day is in September. Football opening day is September 12, Soccer and Baseball will also begin in September as well. Sherry added that the recreation department is working hard to keep up with all the tournament s and league play. She is hoping they will have some down time to maintenance the fields November -February.

Manley Road/Tennis Update: Sherry stated that the Manley Road project is coming along well, currently a month ahead of schedule. The light poles should be going in by mid-September and sod should be put down by December. Tennis bid extended an additional two weeks; City hopes to get two bids. Bids will open August 28. There are three bids for this project: 6 asphalt courts, 6 hydro courts and 4 asphalt/2 hydro courts. There was general discussion of the combination of courts that will be bid.

Updates: Sherry stated that Zack Crawford, state director for coaching for the Alabama youth soccer association came to Fairhope recently to look at the area and soccer plans/fields. She also mentioned that the city of Fairhope is hopeful to get a bid for the State Cup. Vann requested an update on the soccer concession stand. She stated that she has spoken to Bob Keyser about the concession stand, adding that there is a grant available to fund this project from the Restore Act, she will check with Mayor Kant on the status of the grant. There was also discussion of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and the possibility of assisting with this project. The estimated cost according to Bob Keyser is \$400,000 to include the concession stand, bathrooms and storage.

Cathy Hudson informed the group that the City Meet was held at the City pool on July 24-25 and was a great success. Summer Swim program had 150 (7-10 year olds). The Fairhope High School Parent meeting was held last night – 65 swimmers signed up. The County Meet will be held at the Fairhope Pool – set for November 10. She also mentioned that 7 home meets will be held at the pool this fall. **Sherry** mentioned budget recreation requests: new/leased equipment, additional personnel, engineering study for volanta. She also suggested updating the Recreation Board 5 Year Plan, as some items have been moved up on the plan. There was general discussion of what is currently part of the 5 Year Plan; she added that there has been discussion between the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and turning the property at Hwy 13 and County Road 44 to the City. Sherry also informed the group that the Splash Pad is open and it is going well. **Bob Keyser** informed the group that the Booster Club's pancake breakfast is this Saturday - 8 a.m. at Fairhope Middle School. He mentioned that the play date for soccer that was held last weekend was supposed to be 40-50 team event and they ended up with 82. Bob inquired about the impact fee funds for this year. Sherry stated that it will all go towards the Manley Road project and be submitted with the budget, Sherry will double check and report back to the group. The Fairhope Soccer Club is expected to cover the cost of rolling soccer goals (\$50,000- 60,000). There was discussion among the group about only hosting the amount of teams that the fields, bathrooms, trashcans and staff can handle. **Vann Saltz** informed the group that the (9-10 year old) boys placed 2nd in the Dixie Youth World Series and represented Fairhope very well. He added that John Malone won the batting championship for the 2nd year in a row, first time this has happened in 60 years.

A motion was made by the Recreation Board to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Infant Swim Certification Franchise Agreement by Meg Johnson, ^{1st} motion by Cathy Hudson ^{2nd} by Derek Thomas and unanimously carried.

Sherry Sullivan asked that Gayle Fogarty inform City of Fairhope City Clerk Lisa Hanks of this recommendation for the next City Council work session.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.