

## **Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board September 16, 2015**

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Bob Keyser, Charlie Langham, Tom Kuhl, Cathy Hudson, Mary Gammer, Derek Thomas, Mike Ford, Michelle Smith and Sherry Sullivan took minutes. Diana Brewer and Vann Saltz were absent. Guests: Kelly Champion (Basketball League), Erik Cortinas (Booster Club), Dirk Flad (Fairhope Soccer) Stephanie Reeves and James Watkins.

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

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl updated the group on Recreation: Fairhope Soccer League opens next week, baseball begins 9/21, youth football game this Saturday and softball begins 10/1. Manley Road project is coming along good.

Tom mentioned the need to review the cost of renting fields and potentially raising the fees to cover the cost of overtime for tournaments. There was general discussion of the current fee, personnel and covering the costs, so the City is not having to pay employees overtime. Currently, the City rents fields for \$50 per day, per field and charges a \$300 a day maintenance fee. The current fees in place are not covering the cost of the man hours needed to host a tournament. He stated that on weeks that there is a tournament, it is hard to flex time and send employees home, because you need them to prep for the upcoming tournament.

A motion was made to restructure the field rental/maintenance fee to charge \$50 per field, per day fee and an additional fee of \$30 per hour, per man hour for personnel support, per day. The motion was made by Derek Thomas, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed. Bob Keyser asked that this motion be forwarded on to the City Council for approval.

**Guest:** Stephanie Reeves addressed the Recreation Board about a potential Booster Club project: permanent stadium seating at the football field. She informed the group of two types of seating and added that she has received a lot of interest on this project. There was general discussion among the group: seating would be good for home athletic FHS & FMS events, also pre-determined amount of 100 seats will be sold to begin project Erik Cortinas suggested consulting a structural engineer before installing the seats for safety. There are still some logistics that need to be worked out, Bob Keyser tabled the discussion until next month. The Recreation Board will visit the stadium and location of potential seats during the October meeting for further discussion.

**Guests:** Dirk Flad attended and introduced himself as he is taking over for Thomas McLendon for the Fairhope Soccer League. Erik Cortinas informed the group that the Booster Club rescheduled the golf tournament from 9/30/15 to 11/1/15 at Quail Creek. Kelly Champion thanked the City of Fairhope for helping with the basketball goals-they have been added a Newton and will be added at FES and FIS.

**Bob Keyser** reviewed the 5 year plan with the group, as he updated a few details of the supporting information listed, there was general discussion among the group. Michelle Smith expressed interest in adding to the 5 year plan upgrades to pool or plans for a new pool. Derek Thomas suggested the possibility of adding Lacrosse fields to the 5 year plan. The group will discuss the 5 year plan further at the October meeting.

**Cathy Hudson** informed the group that there are 62 swimmers and high school swim is underway-they are now charging an entry fee from \$2 to \$3.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.