

## Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

January 20, 2016

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

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

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the November 18, 2015 and December 2, 2015 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

**Guests:** Chad Casstevens and Kim Smith of Fairhope Girls Softball, they attended the meeting to express their interest in growing the softball league. They also informed the group that they will offer a softball coaches clinic and asked if there were limitations on tournaments. Sherry Sullivan stated that parking and personnel are the two issues with tournaments and need to be planned in advance hosting a tournament. There was general discussion of the softball league, Vann Saltz informed Chad and Kim of the team summit coming up next week. He also mentioned that opening day for softball and baseball are on March 12, 2016.

**Old Business:** Sherry Sullivan informed the group that the Tennis Franchise agreement is all set – already teaching. She added that the pre-bid meeting will be held for tennis tomorrow, and if a tennis pro can be hired it will be based on the tennis bid. The tennis bids will open the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February.

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl provided an update to the group, he stated that Sunset Rotary BBQ & Brew will also be held on March 12, 2016. He added that the peanut field will be rebuilt this winter, tennis is doing well, light are now on a timer. (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) Tom added that Senior Bowl Practice will be held at Volanta on January 26, 2016, ESPN will tape the practice with a drone.

Sherry Sullivan also provided an update on recreation, stating that the team summit will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7 p.m., leagues should be prepared to submit any requests for the Recreation Board 5 year plan. She added that GitFitFairhope is in place and will offer residents the opportunity to participate in activities to stay active. Sherry stated that the Manley Road Complex is behind schedule, due to the heavy rains, the pool will be closing the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February for maintenance. There was also general discussion about the visitors concession stand at Volanta. She also informed the group that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation will fund some of the concession stand at Manley. Dirk Flad and Sherry will meet soon to discuss further.

**Mary Gammer** informed the group that the FTA Tournament is set for the last weekend in April.

**Bob Keyser** informed the group that the Halloween Tournament was a success and stated that Soccer's opening day will be March 5, 2016.

**Mike Ford** mentioned the visitor's side press box and asked for an update, Tom Kuhl informed the group that there is a space issue, Charlie Langham added that Rich Mueller is working on a design for the visitor's press box.

**Cathy Hudson** informed the group that swim is quiet right now and high school students want to coach this summer.

**Michelle Smith** stated that Master Swim donated \$500 to Rotary and donated a digital clock to the Fairhope Pool, Master's Invitational will be held on February 13-14, 2016.

**Charlie Langham** informed the group that he spoke to Cecil Christenberry, Cecil informed him that the old Fairhope Intermediate School grass area can be used for Recreation space, if needed while the school board is not using that property at the present time.

**Vann Saltz** stated that he would like to discuss the 5 Year Plan for the Rec Board at the next meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.