

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

August 17, 2016

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Sherry Sullivan (left at 6 p.m.), Charlie Langham, Mary Gammer, Vann Saltz, Derek Thomas, Bob Keyser, Tom Kuhl, Cathy Hudson (left at 6 p.m.), and Diana Brewer (arrived at 5:25 p.m.). Absent: Mike Ford and Michelle Smith. 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 July 20, 2016 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Derek Thomas, seconded by Bob Keyser, with one correction to the July 20, 2016 minutes, Bob Keyser suggestion that Elizabeth Hammock of Upward Flag Football check with FHS about using used space at the school, none opposed.

Guests: Collin Rust and Eleanora Mauritson

Tennis Center-Fees/Code of Conduct: Sherry Sullivan shared a copy of the Tennis Center Fees/Code of Conduct with the Rec Board members, and asked that everyone look over it. She stated that she has shared with Mayor Kant, Collin Rust and Mary Gammer. Mary Gammer added that she and Collin Rust met with the FTA members and the members of FTA are concerned about charging children, as it may keep kids from playing the sport. Sherry informed the group that the Hydro Courts are expected to be done in the next two weeks, the City took over maintenance today, waiting on the fence and American Asphalt to finish up a few things. The first USTA Tournament will be held at the courts next weekend. Sherry also stated that a grand opening and new sign unveiling for Mike Ford will be held on September 30, 2016, time and details to be determined, as the sign will take 4 weeks to complete. She added that Tomas is doing a great job, as the new Tennis Pro.

A motion was made to recommend the approval of the Tennis Center's operational procedures/code of conduct and fee schedule with the exception that the Recreation Board requests the City Council to consider possibly providing free admission to children under the age of 15, recommendation as considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Derek Thomas, none opposed.

New Business: Sherry stated that some recreational personnel have been submitted for the 2016-2017 budget, a part-time position at tennis has been requested to be changed to full-time, and hiring another part-time position.

Old Business: Sherry informed the group that the Fairhope Soccer Complex is going good, although the rain has held up a few things up, playing fields have been accepted, but not the common areas at this time. She added that there have also been some issues with the contractor, electric has pulled a majority of what is needed for the lights and their crew is working on a 10 x 10 building to house the electric. Also, the City, Single Tax and Soccer are working on the concession and bathroom. Bob Keyser stated that he spoke with Dirk Flad of the Soccer and as soon as he gets the final set of plans, the plans will go out to four contractors for bid on the plans, then after 30 days a contractor will be selected. Bob Keyser mentioned that there is conversation going on about the High School Soccer program purchasing 4 seats of bleachers, so tournaments can be held. Sherry added that the plan is to host the soccer tournament scheduled for October at the Fairhope Soccer Complex and move the high school concession stand trailer over for the event.

Master Plan at Volanta: Sherry Sullivan stated that she is working with Joe Comer on the Master Plan at Volanta, Joe is waiting on the survey. She will meet with him next week to discuss further, Sherry added that the pool would need to be a master plan within itself.

Recreation Update: Tom Kuhl informed the group that football, soccer, and baseball would be starting soon. He added that St. Michael Catholic School will use Volanta for two JV games, the first one will be held on September 22.

Announcements:

Bob Keyser informed the group that the high school meet and greet was cancelled, pancake breakfast will take place in September sometime, and the first home game is 9/2.

Cathy Hudson stated that high school swim has started, parent meeting tonight, swim meets will be here every Tuesday, beginning Sept. 27 through November and the County Meet will be here.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.