

## **Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board**

**September 21, 2016**

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

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

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:19 p.m. The minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Michelle Smith, none opposed.

### **Old Business/Fairhope Soccer Complex Update:**

Sherry Sullivan stated the City is in the final phases of taking over the project, still having some issues with the grass contractor. Tom and Sherry will meet with the engineer and contractor tomorrow. She added that the Soccer Board contacted her and decided that they would like to wait and not have the October Soccer Tournament at the Fairhope Soccer Complex until it is completely ready. She added that the electric building is almost complete. Bob Keyser stated that they are trying to get the shootout to be held in Fairhope, it is the third weekend in February. Also, added that the quotes will be open on September 27, 2016 for the concession stand and restrooms for the complex.

**Tennis Center:** Michelle Smith inquired about when the tennis center will be open. Sherry responded that the courts are done and a final walkthrough will be on Tuesday. She also reminded the board members of the Tennis Center Dedication in honor of Mike Ford that will be held on September 30, 2016 at 2 p.m. Sherry stated that the courts will be open for play on the day of the dedication. Tomas Cartar is setting up a tennis exhibition on the day of the dedication. Sherry added that there was a typo on the rates for the Seniors and adding a \$15 fee to Recreation Memberships, also no fee will be charged for hard courts. The corrected typo fees will be resubmitted to the City Council for approval at the next City Council meeting.

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl informed the group that baseball and softball has started, only playing two days a week. Soccer's opening day was rained out, so they are working to reschedule their games. He added that they are mowing every day at the Fairhope Soccer Complex and mentioned some drainage issues at the field. Tom stated that he will address the issues with the engineer at the meeting tomorrow. Also, Youth Football has had two dates already, Saturday and Tuesday, Sherry Sullivan added that opening day was huge with over 1,500 people.

**Announcements:** Bob Keyser informed the group that soccer is going well and 600 people are registered. He stated that the Pancake Breakfast maybe held on October 1, 2016 or it may not happen at all. Also, the FHS Wrestling Program will begin on October 31, 2016.

Sherry Sullivan mentioned that Tom Kuhl is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as an associate member on September 30, 2016, during the FHS football game.

Cathy Hudson stated she has 75 swimmers this season, 10-20 swim in the morning and 50-65 swim in the afternoon. Cathy requested that when plans are made to expand the pool, please make it large enough to accommodate lap swim. The first high school home meet is this Tuesday. Sherry also added that the City pool is seeing over 600 swimmers in the summer.

Michelle Smith mentioned that the Master Swimmers have increased by 20% since last year, next meet will be October 15, 2016 at Noon.

**Master Plan at Volanta Update:** Sherry Sullivan provided an update to the board, Joe Comer with Espalier is working on the Master Plan for Volanta. The City has been waiting on a complete survey, he has some conceptals, although asked for an additional 10 days to review, Sherry will contact him after the 10 day period and set a meeting to discuss.

Vann Saltz inquired with the board members what the best way to share information with the incoming council members and mayor. Sherry suggested inviting them to an upcoming meeting and presenting the 5 year plan at a work session, once the new administration takes office after November 8, 2016. Bob Keyer recommended discussing the 5 year plan at the next Recreation Board meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.