

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

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Derek Thomas, Vann Saltz, Pat White, Charlie Langham (left meeting at 5:50 p.m.), Michelle Smith, Cathy Hudson and Bob Keyser. Absent: Corey Martin, Jack Burrell, Charlie Williamson. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:17 p.m. The minutes of the Wednesday, November 18, 2020 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

### **Recreation Update:**

Pat White informed the board that Riviera Pools will make improvements to the pool and will begin on Monday. The pool will be closed for 30-45 days. He stated that the pool will be replastered, starting blocks will be installed, hot water heater will be replaced, painting and other repairs will take place. Cathy inquired if the garage door will be repaired and area behind the concession cleaned up, Michelle asked if the ceiling would be cleaned while the pool is closed. Pat stated that he will look into these issues. Pat added that the towers at founders have been removed, the peanut and t-ball fields at volanta have been renovated, additional irrigation has been added to the ozone field holes have been filled. He also stated that the Recreation Department is installing some areas of artificial turf on the minor and ozone fields. Minor league press box has been removed, and the Rec Dept. is working to finishing up a covered pavilion in its place. He informed the board that interviews for the Golf Pro position are underway, and he will start interviewing soon for the two parks maintenance positions that are currently open. Pat added that he has a meeting with the Electric Superintendent on Monday to discuss a plan to transition to LED lights in the parks.

Pat informed the board that Fairhope Middle School will play soccer games at Manley this year. Also, Bayshore Christian School will be playing/practicing home games at Manley, Pat stated that they are paying the full rate, as if they were a travel team using the fields and added that Fairhope Texans will use Manley again this year.

Pat shared that he has assigned an employee from the Recreation Department to visit each City park one day a week to do a check of cleanliness and quality control.

### **New Business:**

There was general discussion between Pat White and the board members regarding franchise agreements and consideration of revamping it. Pat suggested to the board, offering a field rental agreement for people that are interested in offering private instruction, he suggested having a set hourly or daily rental amount rather than a franchise agreement.

There was general discussion between Pat and the board members regarding charging a fee to use the walking track at the Recreation Center.

A motion was made by Charlie Langham to recommend to the Fairhope City Council approval to charge a \$10 a month fee to those who wish to use the Rec Center walking track. Motion was seconded by Derek Thomas and carried with none opposed.

There was general discussion between Pat and the board members regarding the play clocks not functioning in the stadium. Pat suggested replacing the scoreboard and play clock at the same time. He estimated the cost for both the play clock and scoreboard to be between \$16,000-\$18,000.

A motion was made by Derek Thomas to recommend to the Fairhope City Council approval to purchase a scoreboard and play clock at W.C. Majors football stadium. Motion was seconded by Vann Saltz and carried with none opposed.

The Rec Board will contact the booster and school clubs for financial assistance to make this purchase.

Pat informed the Rec Board that the Quail Creek board reached out to the City of Fairhope. The board is interested in transferring ownership of the tennis courts at Quail Creek to the City. There was general discussion between Pat and the board members, it was determined that the Rec Board does not support taking over the tennis courts at quail creek.

Pat shared a rendering of the ADA stadium improvements with the board members.

A motion was made by Derek Thomas to recommend to the Fairhope City Council approval to utilize a Facilities Rental Agreement in lieu of a Franchise Agreement for securing use of athletic facilities for private, for-profit coaching, subject to approval by the City Council and City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Vann Saltz and carried with none opposed.

There was general discussion between Pat and the board members regarding the temporary pool franchise agreement submitted by Rich Suh.

A motion was made by Derek Thomas to recommend to the Fairhope City Council approval of accepting a temporary pool franchise agreement with modifications (listed below) until June 30, 2021 submitted by Rich Suh, and will work with the Recreation Department on weekday/weekend availability. Motion was seconded by Vann Saltz and carried with none opposed.

3:45 - 5:15 p.m., use of 5 pool lanes

5:15 - 7 p.m., use of 4 lanes

Pat stated that he will come up with a fee schedule for the next meeting.

Michelle Smith inquired about if the locker rooms will be reopened when the pool maintenance is complete. Pat stated that the City is following the CDC guidelines, and will reopen the locker rooms when the guidelines allow.

Charlie Langham inquired about getting an update on the impact fund and the current balance. He added that the basketball teams are doing really good this year.

Cathy Hudson stated that FHS swim participated in the state meet in Huntsville, she added that they have a very nice facility.

Vann Saltz stated that travel baseball is impacting the local league.

Bob Keyser informed the board that in November of 2020, he met with Pat White, Charlie Williamson, Charlie Langham and Robert Brown. He stated that they had a general discussion about priorities as they pertain to the 5-year plan at the location of County Road 32/13, there was general discussion among the Rec Board members. Bob reminded the board that there are several projects that need general maintenance/improvement, and care needs to be taken of these items as well.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.