

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

The Fairhope Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Vann Saltz, Pat White, Charlie Langham, Michelle Smith, Charlie Williamson, Corey Martin (arrived at 5:30 p.m.), Jack Burrell (arrived at 5:38 p.m.), Cathy Hudson and Bob Keyser.
Absent: Derek Thomas. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the Wednesday, January 20, 2021 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Vann Saltz, none opposed.

Recreation Update:

Pat White informed the board that the pool improvements are underway. He said, he is also looking at replacing the floor in the lobby, and the Rec Center roof repair is about to begin. He stated that public works is installing the starter blocks, and he met with City staff to discuss having a structural engineer look at the pool building. Pat shared that the tennis center is having a tournament this week and have 96 participants registered. He stated that the Rotary playground improvements are underway, although the basketball court is not complete yet. He added that opening day of spring baseball is March 1 and softball will have opening day on March 6. Pat informed the board that youth baseball registration numbers are down, due to travel ball.

He stated that the survey of Volanta Park is progress and should be complete in a week. Jack Burrell inquired if Fairhope Middle School has an agreement with the City of Fairhope to use the City fields. Bob Keyser stated that he will contact Cecil Christenberry regarding what other schools have in place for field maintenance, and then will write a letter to the Baldwin County Board of Education. Also, the scheduling software that was purchased to allow for online payments and field/court scheduling will take 3-6 months for training once it is installed, according to Pat.

Corey Martin stated that he would like to have a field agreement on record and begin the conversation with the Baldwin County Board of Education.

Jack Burrell informed the board that the proposed motions sent to the City Clerk's office last month are under consideration. There was general discussion among the board members regarding the motions.

Board Updates:

Charlie Langham informed the board that Fairhope High School basketball will play Friday night.

Cathy Hudson thanked Pat and the public works crew for installing the swim blocks. She stated that she would like to take a photo with the Mayor, City Council, Booster Club, Recreation Board and those that helped raise nearly \$30,000 to make the purchase of the swim blocks possible.

Bob Keyser informed the board that 8 wrestlers attended the state tournament last week and one wrestler placed in the top 8.

Corey Martin inquired about a timeline on the Rotary Club improvements and added that he is glad to see progress. Pat stated that he does not have a timeline yet.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.