

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

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

Present: Pat White, Charlie Langham, Michelle Smith, Charlie Williamson, Corey Martin, Jack Burrell, Cathy Hudson, Derek Thomas and Bob Keyser. Absent: Vann Saltz. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:18 p.m. The minutes of the Wednesday, February 17, 2021 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Charlie Williamson, none opposed.

Guest: Coach Rich Suhs of SWAT attended the meeting and shared his plan for a swim program, if he is approved by the Rec Board and City Council to have a franchise agreement with the City of Fairhope.

Recreation Update:

Pat White informed the board that the hot water heater and light fixtures were installed. He added that opening day of baseball was this past weekend and the basketball court at the Rotary Club is complete. Pat said, the roof at founders would be redone and that projects at Quail Creek are set to begin. He also shared that the Special Olympics – now called the Baldwin County Spring Games will be held on April 15 & 16 at Volanta. He added that the Fairhope Storm game will be held on March 27.

Bob Keyser stated that he spoke to Cecil Christenberry of the Baldwin County Baldwin Education about the possible payments from the BCBE to county schools for upkeep of athletic facilities. Cecil was unaware of any such payments but would investigate further.

New Business:

Charlie Langham suggested adding two additional Recreation Board members, if the bi-laws allow for additional members.

Bob Keyser stated that he will be moving out of town at the end of the year. He encouraged the board members to ask people interested in serving on the Recreation Board to apply.

There was general discussion among the board members on the rental agreement. Derek Thomas made a motion to designate Bob Keyser as the Recreation Board representative to work with the City attorney and City Council member Jack Burrell to finalize the rental agreement, and seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Board Updates:

Charlie Langham informed the members that the fields looked great on opening day.

Cathy Hudson shared that FAST swim in getting started.

Michelle Smith stated that Master's Swim celebrated their 10 year anniversary this year.

Jack Burrell thanked the members for serving on the board.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.