

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Williamson at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Jack Burrell, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Recreation Updates:

Pat White informed the board that St. Michael will play Vigor on Friday night and the Fairhope Murphy game has been moved to Volanta from Ladd, set for next Thursday night. Pat shared his concern for the need of additional security during football games. He suggested the Storm football team play at Barnwell, as they don't need a stadium as large as Volanta with such a low attendance turnout. Charlie Langham stated that he is not aware that they have paid the City to use the stadium. There was general discussion among the members regarding the Storm football team using Volanta.

Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the Fairhope City Council that Fairhope Storm be eliminated from using City facilities for not paying the contracted rental fees, seconded by Maurice Morrisette, none opposed.

Pat added that he is working on plans for a Christmas movie to play on the jumbotron in the stadium, he is meeting with Paige Crawford next week and will share more information at next Rec Board meeting. He added that the playground equipment for the Rotary Club is being shipped this week and a crew will install it right away, he also working on the community garden, driveway, new fencing and drainage improvements at the Club. Pat, thanked, Cecil Christenberry and the BCBE school board for \$20,000 to help with the ADA stadium improvements. He added that the City's Recreation Dept. budget was passed and will include the following: new bathrooms at Founders and Volanta, LED lighting for pickleball courts, LED lighting for FHS softball field, and the competition track at Founders.

Old Business:

There was general discussion between Charlie Williamson and the board members regarding the 5-year plan. Pat White stated that he received a quote for stadium seating for the Soccer Championship fields, the quote included seating, locker rooms and press box for \$1.1 Million. There was general

Charlie Williamson asked Pat the status of the scheduling software, Pat stated that training is going on every other week and will be in place by the end of the year.

Charlie Williamson and the board discussed the need for a feasibility study. He stated that he will provide more information to the board at the next meeting to discuss.

Cathy Hudson stated that swim has already had two meets, the Battle of the Bay is this Tuesday and then they will host a Fairhope invitational meet.

Charlie Langham complimented the Fairhope High School football team and encouraged board members to attend a football game.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.