

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

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

Present: Charlie Langham, Charlie Williamson, Hayden Giddens, Pat White, Jack Burrell, Maurice Morrisette, Cathy Hudson. Absent: Bob Keyser, Corey Martin, Derek Thomas, Vann Saltz. Pat White took minutes. Guest: Lisa Atchley (exited room for the vote)

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Williamson at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

### **Recreation Updates:**

Pat White informed the Rec Board that Becky Bernard is the Rec Center's new administrative assistant, he stated that she will help with communications with the leagues and field rental. Pat added that 2,121 new members have been added to the Rec Center this year and stated that the new playground will be installed tomorrow at the Rotary Club. Pat informed the members that the new baseball field construction is underway and hopefully will be completed by spring. Pat shared with the Rec Board that the recreation department is hosting a parade, recreation activities and the movie Frozen in the stadium on December 5, 2021 – Mayor, Council and Rec Board are invited to participate in a parade around the track prior to the activities and movie.

Pat shared with the Rec Board the need for a multi-use recreation space to be built near the football field, he suggested the building be added to the five-year plan.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding the Recreation Board's five-year plan.

Pat asked the board if an active and former military discount could be offered to Recreation Center members. There was general discussion among the members of how much discount to offer and what other City's offer. There was a motion made by Charlie Williamson to recommend to the City Council approval of a 10% discount to active and former military for use of the Fairhope Rec Center, seconded by Corey Martin, none opposed.

Charlie Williamson asked everyone to review the feasibility study and be prepared to discuss at a future meeting.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding St. Michael Catholic High School using the football fields.

Jack Burrell provided an update on Fairhope Storm and stated that Mayor Sullivan spoke to the coach of the team recently.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding the future of recreation in Fairhope.

Charlie Williamson moved to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Lisa Atchley to the Recreation Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hayden Giddens, motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.