

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

The Fairhope Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Bob Keyser, Pat White, Charlie Langham, Michelle Smith, Vann Saltz, Charlie Williamson, Derek Thomas (arrived at 5:22 p.m.) Absent: Cathy Hudson, Jack Burrell and Corey Martin. Gayle Fogarty took minutes. Guests: Marcus McDowell and Jeff Powell

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:16 p.m. The minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Vann Saltz, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Recreation Updates:

Pat White informed the board that the first home FHS football game will be on August 27, and the St. Michael's game will be on August 26. He stated that concession stand upgrades are in underway and they are working to get the railing up for the ADA seating. Pat added that the jumbotron is estimated to arrive on August 12 and will take a week to install. Pat added that some members of City staff will be trained to use the jumbotron. There was general discussion among the board regarding charging St. Michael Catholic High School to use the jumbotron during games.

Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the city council approval of charging One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per game to St. Michael Catholic High School to use the jumbotron video board in the stadium. Additionally, St. Michael Catholic High School will be required to have a trained operator operate the jumbotron video board or pay a trained operator to use it, seconded by Vann Saltz, none opposed

Pat White stated that he is holding off on the baseball fields that will be installed at volanta to allow for overflow football attendee parking. He added that as of June 2021, the Rec Center and pool have 530 new members.

New Business:

Guest: Jeff Powell spoke and wanted to request that more pool lanes be available to recreation swimmers from 5-7 p.m. He stated that due to SWAT and Fairhope Swim it doesn't allow for many recreation swimmers after people get off work and want to use the pool for lap swim.

Bob Keyser asked Pat if Pool Manager Noah Williams had any recommendations. Pat stated that when the online training (est.3 months) is complete, swimmers will be able to go online to see when the pool is available. See attached – current pool schedule. Bob stated that he didn't want to exclude members during prime time. There was general discussion among the board of pool use and the best way to manage the lanes with pool members, SWAT, Fairhope Swim, Fairhope High School and FAST.

Charlie Langham inquired about the triangle property; Pat stated that he didn't have any updates.

Update:

Michell Smith stated that Master's Swim will have a meet on October 23. She inquired with Pat about having a food truck on site for the event.

Vann Saltz inquired about the Barnwell property that belongs to the Archdiocese of Mobile. Pat stated that the City has a thirty-year lease on that property. There was general discussion among the board members.

Bob Keyser shared information on the Recreation Board bi-laws with the board. He read a section of the bi-laws to the board: The board of advisors shall consist of at least five (5) members but not more than nine (9) members. All members shall reside in the planning jurisdiction but at least half of the members must reside in the city limits. Members of the board shall serve with no compensation. Two (2) members of the city council will also serve on the Board as ex-officio members. The director of parks and recreation and the director of community affairs and recreation will be ex-officio members of the Board and will attend monthly meetings. All recreation league presidents will also be considered ex-officio members of the board.

Bob asked that if nay board member is no longer able to serve and if they would like to be reappointed. There was general discussion among the board regarding the current bi-laws and possibility amending them. He stated that he will send a copy of the recommended changes to Gayle Fogarty tomorrow and she will send to the board, the board will review prior to the August 18 meeting.

Bob stated that he will no longer serve as chairman of the Rec Board, he recommended Charlie Williamson to act as chair, the board agreed with his recommendation.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.