

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

The Fairhope Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Charlie Langham, Haden Giddings, Bob Keyser, Lisa Atchley, Derek Thomas (arrived at 5:39 p.m.), Pat White and Cathy Hudson. Absent: Charlie Williamson, Maurice Morrisette, Corey Martin, Jack Burrell and Vann Saltz. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:14 p.m. The minutes of the December 15, 2021, meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Cathy Hudson, seconded by Lisa Atchley, none opposed.

### **Recreation Updates:**

Pat White informed the Rec Board that he will be attending the Alabama Parks & Recreation Association conference this week. He added that the Rec Summit will take place on January 20, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Nix Center, and added that the bid packets are out for restrooms at Founders and the new baseball park, he said, the Founders Track is set to be on the next agenda and could possibly be contracted by mid-February. LED lights for the new baseball fields are set to be shipped on March 1, then will be bid out for installation. Pat said, he is hopeful that everything will be completed before football season. He stated that the LED lights for the high school softball field and the pickleball courts will be installed by City staff after the softball season is over, as the lights will not ship until February 14. He added that the playground installation is complete at the Rotary Youth Club and cleanup work is being done now, the garden will be installed in the next few weeks. Pat also stated that the new software will go live on Friday.

There was general discussion among the board regarding pickleball using the courts at the Rec Center.

Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the City Council to terminate the franchise agreement with Bruce Cuddy, who teaches Pickleball lessons on City property and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Atchley, motion passed unanimously.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding pickleball and the use of the courts during open court play.

Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the City Council to charge \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) to rent half a Pickleball/Basketball Court and \$50.00 (fifty dollars) to rent a full court for one hour to teach Pickleball/Basketball lessons, reservations for court use must be made in advance, and are subject to the availability of the Recreation Department staff, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Hudson, motion passed, Derek Thomas abstained from voting.

Haden Giddings stated that Fairhope Soccer Club is waiting on an agreement/field use agreement from the City of Fairhope and is expecting to receive it soon for soccer to review. He added that youth soccer players are volunteering to help tutor and give soccer lessons to the youth attending Fairhope Rotary Club.

There was general discussion among the board regarding the need to review the updated field use agreement prior to sports organizations reviewing it.

Derek Thomas made a motion to recommend to the City Council to provide an updated draft of the field use agreement to the Recreation Board before it goes on the City Council agenda, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haden Giddings, motion passed unanimously.

Bob Keyser commented that the high school softball fields look great, Pat replied that the City helped some, but it was mostly done by softball representatives.

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