Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

The Fairhope Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Charlie Langham, Charlie Williamson, Maurice Morrisette (arrived at 5:21 p.m.), Haden Giddings, Jack Burrell, Derek Thomas (arrived at 5:23 p.m.), Lisa Atchley, Pat White and Cathy Hudson. Absent: Corey Martin. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Williamson at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the February 16, 2022, meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Haden Giddings, seconded by Lisa Atchley, none opposed.

Recreation Updates:

Pat White informed the Rec Board that youth baseball and softball stared last week, signs have been installed on sports field to check in at the rec center before using fields, soccer opening day is Saturday and the City will run the concession stand, Pat is working with the City Revenue Officer and City Treasurer to accept credit card payments. He added that Special Olympics will be held on March 24 & 25 in the stadium. He added that Fairhope Storm has a few more games to complete this season and the City Council recently approved the steal fencing at Fels Avenue Toddler Park. Pat also shared that the LED lights for the baseball field will arrive by March 23, 2022 and will be delivered to volanta, then a bid packet will be put together for installation. Jack Burrell inquired when the baseball fields will be complete, Pat said, they are estimated to be complete by Spring of 2023.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding the open seats on the board, Charlie Williamson asked that Scott Berry be invited to attend the next board meeting set for April 20, 2022.

There was general discussion among the board members regarding the request received from Harris B. Williams on March 11, 2022 (see attached), requesting to amend the pickleball scheduled in the main gym from the current 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. hours to start one hour earlier, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., the board decided to not accept this request, based on staff recommendations, the motion to denied the request was considered and approved on a motion by Derek Thomas, seconded by Maurice Morrisette, none opposed.

Cathy Hudson inquired about the status of the outdoor pool, she stated that FAST registration is set for April 9 and April 23 and added that the Booster Club drawdown this past weekend, was a success.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.