



**Fairhope Rec Board Special Meeting**  
**Agenda – June 22, 2022**  
**5:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room**  
**Recreation Center – 803 North Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL**

- Approval of Minutes for
  - May 18, 2022
- Recreation Update – Pat White
- New Business/Old Business – Charlie Williamson

**Schedule of Future Meetings**  
**Note: Regular meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at**  
**5:15 p.m. in the**  
**Meeting Room at the Recreation Center, 803 North Greeno Road,**  
**Fairhope, AL**

Next meeting: July 20, 2022

**City of Fairhope Recreation Department Mission Statement:** To offer the citizens of Fairhope the best and safest recreational facilities in all sports and leisure.

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

The Fairhope Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Charlie Langham, Charlie Williamson, Haden Giddings, Pat White, Cathy Hudson, Lisa Atchley, Jack Burrell, and Maurice Morrisette. Absent: Derek Thomas and Corey Martin.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Williamson at 5:16 p.m. The minutes of the May 18, 2022, meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Jack Burrell, none opposed.

### **Recreation Updates:**

Pat White informed the Rec Board of the following projects/updates: Fairhope High School Graduation is being held at the stadium tonight, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm and the jumbotron, which is a great addition, will be used with the live video feed to zoom in on the stage; Youth Baseball is hosting the Cal Ripken 8u District Tournament at Volanta from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022; LED lights on the Pickleball Court at the Tennis Center are scheduled to be installed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June; Pat is meeting with Richard Johnson on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Volanta to discuss the parking issues that are created every time there is a large gathering; New outdoor lighting poles at the outdoor pool has recently been installed, along with new paint on the kiddie pool water feature and new epoxy around the outdoor pool; New flooring has been installed in between basketball gyms at the Rec Center; The men's bathroom at the Stadium has had all new partitions installed; 5 former Fairhope Baseball Pirates have signed with Spring Hill College, Division II. Spring Hill has just won their conference and will be heading to Tampa next week for the NCAA Division II Tournament. Former Pirate and Jeremy Morgan's (electrical department) son is one of the five Spring Hill players and he just won Conference Player of the year and Small College Player of the Year.

Maurice Morrisette inquired about the youth softball fields. He stated that there have been concerns from softball parents about some holes in the fields and holes in the netting of the cages. Maurice also inquired if the Reservation Agreement for any field rental is in fact 14 days prior to event and the answer is yes.

Haden Giddings informed the board that he is doing initial discovery on other areas that have large club sports tourism regarding developing the acreages next to the airport. Emerson, Georgia sports complex was mentioned as an example, having 130 acres of outdoor sports field (all sports) and three different hotels on site.

There was general discussion among the board members about the progress of the new track at Founders. Pat White informed the board that the track is in the geo survey stage.

Discussion about the indoor pool leak and Pat White let the board know that the leak has been found and repaired.

There was general discussion among the board members about the bathrooms at Founders and the status of any bids. Pat White informed the board that the bids are coming in extremely high, and he is currently looking at other options.

### **Recreation New Business:**

Jack Burrell informed the board that the city is looking into purchasing the lot adjacent to the parking lot in Quail Creek Subdivision, along with Quail Creek's tennis courts. The tennis courts having the potential to be turned into pickle ball courts would cost around \$125,000 to resurface. There was discussion among board members that if this did move forward and the tennis court became a pickle ball court, should there be a monthly pickle ball fee.

Jack Burrell also informed the board that a new grounds keeper has been hired at Quail Creek Golf Course, who has extensive background in turf management.

Haden Giddings made a motion to recommend the Rec Board support Council and the City move forward with the purchase of Quail Creek lot and tennis court, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Atchley, motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Hudson informed the board that swim team is currently in week two of sign ups and there are around 250 kids signed up so far.

Pat White informed the board that our sports fields are being overused with travel ball teams, etc. that our fields could benefit from being closed the month of July for maintenance.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.