



**Fairhope Rec Board Meeting**  
**Agenda – October 19, 2022**  
**5:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room**  
**Recreation Center – 803 North Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL**

- Approval of Minutes for
  - September 21, 2022
- Recreation Update – Pat White
- New Business/Old Business – Lisa Atchley

**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: November 16, 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, September 21, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

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

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Atchley at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the August 17, 2022, meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Jack Burrell, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

**Guest:** Vince Boothe, resident of Fairhope, Patrick Peterson and John Drinkard from John 93 Foundation and Gary Govers with the Environmental Advisory Board.

**Vince Boothe:** Asked the Rec Board to consider proposing to the City Council that the field house at W C Majors field be named after former football coach, Joe Dean.

**Patrick Peterson and John Drinkard:** Both are part of John93 Foundation that is needing facility space to help with ADA Sports and asked the Rec Board to consider any extra space availability to help with mainly wheelchair basketball.

### **Recreation Updates:**

Pat White informed the Rec Board that a bid has been approved for new bathrooms at both Founders and at Volanta and that bids for the LED lights at Volanta (new youth baseball fields) open up on September 22, 2022; Roofers are in the process of repairing the pool and rec center roofs, as both received damage from Hurricane Sally; Coffee with the Mayor that was held at the Rec Center on September 20, 2022 had a great turnout; All of our fall sports are in full swing; Fairhope High School Varsity Football team is currently ranked #2 in the State and has a bye this week, however, we will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and JV Football teams next week; Electrical Department was out at the youth baseball fields earlier this week and had to try to find the old bulbs to use, as we have received lighting complaints from concerned family members, along with field condition concerns; Unfortunately, with all of our fields being open 24 hours a day, with the exception of Majors and Fairhope Soccer Complex, the fields are not receiving any rest; With that being said, there was some general discussion among Rec Board members as to how we can prevent this from becoming an even bigger issue. Some ideas were locking up all fields, putting more signs up with updated hours and even having police lock up the fields at night.

### **Recreation New Business:**

There was general discussion again about the 3 open spaces (Triangle, Colony, and Farm properties), with Lisa Atchley providing the Board with an explain of Bonnet Springs in Lakeland, Florida; Jack Burrell mentioned getting with an engineer and going through

all 3 properties. Cathy Hudson informed the Board that Fairhope High School's 1<sup>st</sup> swim meet of the season will be on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the indoor rec center pool.

There was general discussion regarding naming the football stadium field house after Joe Dean. Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the council to approve the naming of the stadium field house, Joe Dean Field House, with Jack Burrell second the motion, none opposed.

There was general discussion regarding creating a new disc golf course at the Colony property. Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the council to approve a new disc golf course at the Colony property, with Scott Berry second the motion, none opposed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.