



Fairhope Rec Board Meeting
Agenda – February 15, 2023
5:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room
Recreation Center – 803 North Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL

- Approval of Minutes for
 - January 18, 2023
- Guest – Chris Shrader, Eastern Shore Masters Swim
- Recreation Update – Pat White
- New Business/Old Business – Lisa Atchley

Schedule of Future Meetings
Note: Regular meetings are on the 3rd 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: March 15th, 2023

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, January 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present: Lisa Atchley, Pat White, Charlie Langham, Scott Berry, Cathy Hudson, Corey Martin, Jack Burrell, Maurice Morrisette, Haden Giddings, and Dan Hoover (arrived at 5:31 pm).

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

Guest: Gary Gover, Mike Fillingim, Barbara Rudolph, Cathy Delagarza, Jennifer (last name not provided-youth softball rep), Cheryl Corvo, Caleb, and Michael (both with master's swimming, but was not provided with their last names).

Lower Alabama Lacrosse Guests: Cathy Delagarza (President) and Barbara Rudolph (Vice-President) of Lower Alabama Lacrosse spoke about their sport and the growing need for a space where their sport can practice/games.

Fairhope Youth Softball Guests: Jennifer, who is currently on the Youth Softball Board asked how the process works if recreational youth softball wanted to host a tournament at Founders Park. Rec Board Members explained the process of the City's rental agreement.

Masters Swim Team: Cheryl Corvo spoke about the indoor pool temperature being inconsistent and how certain temperatures affect diverse types of swimmers. Pat White stated that the City's indoor pool is a multi-purpose pool, so it is challenging to accommodate temperatures to everyone's liking. However, more research will be done immediately to produce a temperature that is safe for all users.

Recreation Updates: Pat White informed the Rec Board that we held our annual Disc Golf Tournament at Volanta on January sixth and seventh and had ninety players participate per day. Work is still ongoing out on the four new youth baseball fields at Volanta, which is still slighted to open the middle of February. Opening Day for Youth Baseball is March 11th and Pat would love to see Rec Board and Council there, if possible, to help open the new park. Pat mentioned that Coach Hunter, the Fairhope High School Baseball Coach held a free baseball clinic for kids ages 8 to 14 years and had over three hundred kids out participating over a 3-day span. The clinic included some retired MLB players/coaches/scouts. Pat stated that Fairhope Athletics is mourning the loss of a former Pirate, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Pat informed the Board that State of the City is next Thursday night, January 26th, at the Civic Center and the Recreation Center will have a booth there, so everyone is encouraged to attend.

Recreation New Business:

Pat White stated that the new track project has been tabled by the City Council, as the bids came back higher than anticipated. The Rec Board tabled the discussion of the opening Rec Board positions to be discussed during next month's meeting due to time constraints.

Haden Giddings made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the high school baseball field be named Mike Fillingim Field at Volanta Park, and second by Dan Hoover, motion passed unanimously.

Charlie Langham made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the older youth baseball fields be named Vann Saltz Youth Baseball Complex at Volanta Park, and second by Scott Berry, motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.