



**Vestavia Hills
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
January 20, 2026
7:30 AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval Of Minutes
 - Approval of minutes from the November 18, 2025 regular meeting
 - Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2025 work session
4. Mayor's Report
5. Parks and Leisure Update
 - Recreational Basketball Update
 - Tennis Update
 - Spring Registration Update
 - Maintenance Update
6. Old Business
 - All Nashville Roadshow
7. New Business
 - Vestavia Hills Arts Council Request
 - Southeastern Volleyball Tournament
 - Braves Country Event - VHAC

Upcoming Dates

8. Spring Tournament Possibilities
 - January 31, 2026 - VHHS Softball Clinic - Wald Park
 - February 20/21, 2026 - VHHS Tournament - Wald, Cahaba Heights
 - March 21 & 22, 2026 - USSSA Tournament - Wald, Cahaba, Liberty Park
 - April 4, 11, 18, 2026 - USSSA Softball Tournament - Liberty Park (#1-4)
 - May 16, 2026 - USSSA softball/baseball event - Wald, Cahaba, Liberty Park
 - May 22 - 24, 2026 - DC Elite Event - Liberty Park (#1-9)
 - May 30-31, 2026 - USSSA Baseball Tournament - Wald, Cahaba, Liberty Park
 - June 12 - 14, 2026 - Braves Country Event - Wald, Cahaba, Liberty Park
 - June 19-21, 2026 - Braves Country Event - Wald, Cahaba, Liberty Park

League Reports

The Next Meeting of the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board will be:

9. The next work session will be February 17, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room
10. The next regular meeting will be March 17, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

Time of Adjournment



**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMO**

January 20, 2026

To: Members of the Parks and Recreation Board

From:

Cc:

RE: Approval of minutes from the November 18, 2025 regular meeting

Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Park Board Minutes 11.18.25

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2025 7:30 AM

PARK BOARD ATTENDEES:

Shelley Gentle
Chad Gay
Mayor Ashley Curry
Mike Vercher
Kirk McCulley
Mitch Bevill

Community Attendees:
Laura Casey – VHCS
Michael Lytle – LaCrosse
Philip Young - Basketball
Allison Crot
Jamie O'Brien – Softball
Chad Long – Baseball

Staff Attendees:

Jamie Lee
Sandi Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Chad Gay.
Chad Gay led us in Prayer and the Pledge.

Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2025 and Work Session notes from October 21, 2025.
Motion to approve by Kirk McCulley and 2nd by Shelley Gentle. Motion approved.

Mayor's Report: There are many Holiday Activities going on in the next few weeks. They are also in the process of Park Board member interviews; today and December 4, 2025. Mayor stated that they are looking for persons that understand the whole picture, not just an individual sport or activity. Mayor mentioned a program that Rocky and VSC partners with the High School to offer "Side Kicks"; a "Miracle League" style program for soccer children. Mayor Curry is very impressed with the program, commended Rocky and encouraged everyone to go and watch. There is a grant that has been awarded for Altadena Valley Park. The grant is to rebuild and or repair some of the bridges. The mayor stated that AVP was the 2nd most visited park in the city. Kirk stated that he was out there over the past weekend and there were people everywhere and the park looked great. It was also stated that the old tennis courts out there belong to the Homeowners Association, they are not under the prevue of the city of Vestavia Hills or the Parks and Leisure Department.

Jamie Lee's Report:

- Winter Sport Update – 105 boys basketball teams plus 20 high school teams, 30 girls' basketball teams. plus 53 D-League girls (K and 1st grade). Girls' D-League will be on Sunday afternoons and is being administered by Coach Cosby and her staff. Boys' D-League will start in January and is being administered by Coach Davis and his staff. There are approximately 1100 youth basketball players registered. Lacrosse will continue to register through the end of December. High School teams are practicing now. The wrestling program administered by Coach Adams and his staff has 98 registered thus far and registration will close this week. The 6-week winter tennis has 12 registered. Those numbers are expected to pick back up in the spring 2026. Jamie received the Pizitz Tennis schedule yesterday, it looks very similar to last years' schedule. Shelton State

Flag Football under the direction of Doug Rogers finished as the runner-up in the state. We are going to partner with Shelton State to offer a Flag Football recruiting fair on December 14, 2025 at 2pm. The target group for participants will be mostly 11 and 12th graders.

- Maintenance Update – there have been some irrigation issues at the Wald Park Dog Park. It is in the process of being repaired, the water has been turned off for now. Outdoor sports are beginning to slow down. There will be a new roof installed at the LP concessions soon, trees are currently being trimmed in the LP complex, fences and roads are being cleared. This is a \$60,000.00 budget item. Altadena Valley Park – guys are going out there 2 and 3 times a week to clean bathrooms and check bridges. Most of the bridges are blocked. We are working with a structural engineer; we want to repair one of them and take down the other 2. Mitch asked if there was budget funds allocated for dredging the lake; Jamie said not at this time.
- Senior Update – All programs are doing well and growing. New Merkel has added several new programs and attendance is really good. There are several trips and parties in the coming months as well as new programs scheduled for the new year.

Old Business:

- VHAC – possible schedule and fee structure – Table this discussion for now. Information is still being gathered. Shelley is interested to know the breakdown of numbers on the swim teams in order to decide the best scenario; per player fees (like all other sports) or lane rentals. Update on the renovations: The project will go out for bid in December. They are currently having bi-weekly meetings / conversations between all the parties involved. The bids will be back in January and we are still on schedule for completion in early May and open for the summer season on Memorial weekend. The City Council has some decisions to make concerning a few of the budget areas for the overall project.

New Business: N.A.

Other Discussion / Citizen Comments / Upcoming Dates:

- Laura Casey (VHCS) reported that the HS Flag Football team is in the 3rd round of the playoffs this week. She stated that she appreciated the Park and Recreations help with flag and the growth over the past years has been great. The boys' cross country finished 1st in the state and the girls' cross country finished 2nd in the state. Swimmers will be competing in state this weekend.
- Jamie discussed the schedule for the Thanksgiving through New Year holidays and stated that the Civic Center will following the same scheduled closings as the municipal offices.
- There was a discussion / request from Philip Young (OTM boys coach) to amend the OTM practice requirements on the basis that the policy was not made known. Kirk asked who are the members of the OTM board. They are a private board outside of Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation. Jamie gave an overview of OTM from his knowledge since becoming the Parks and Leisure director. It is his belief that Coach Davis wants to be more involved with the OTM league. At this time, Parks and Recreation's responsibility to OTM is to provide space for the games. OTM will rent the space and provide a monitor. Three years ago, some citizens

who form OTM teams started a conversation with the Park Board. December 2023 the Park Board was approached and a policy was written and put into place in January 2024. Chad Gay asked if there are other places where the teams can practice?

- December 6th – First day of Recreational Basketball games
- December 14th – Flag Football Recruiting Showcase
- Chad Gay reported that the HS Softball team is having a cornhole fundraiser tournament Sunday, December 7, 2025. Entry fee is \$100.00.

Upcoming Meetings: Work Session: December 5, 2025 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.
Regular Meeting: January 20, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18am.



**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMO**

January 20, 2026

To: Members of the Parks and Recreation Board

From:

Cc:

RE: Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2025 work session

Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Work Sessions 12.25



ASHLEY CURRY
MAYOR

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION
Called Meeting / Work Session Notes
December 5, 2025

JAMIE LEE
PARKS AND LEISURE
DIRECTOR

1. **Call to order** – A called meeting was called to order at 7:30am by Chad Gay. Members present were Chad Gay, Kirk McCulley, Emily Byrd, Shelley Gentle, Mayor Curry and Councilman Mike Vercher. Mitch Bevill called into the meeting. Jamie Lee and Sandi Wilson were the staff members present.
 - a. **Special Presentation** – Shelley Gentle was given a special presentation for her service and dedication to the Park Board.
 - b. **Vote for 2026 Officers** – Shelley nominated Kirk McCulley for the 2026 Park Board President, Chad Gay 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Shelley Gentle nominated Mitch Bevill to be the 2026 Park Board vice-chair, Emily 2nd, motion carried. Meeting adjourned, work session continued.
2. **Parks & Leisure Update – Jamie Lee**
 - a. **Winter Sport Update** – Jamie gave an update; he stated this is his most stressful time of year and that we are working through schedules and blackout dates for basketball at the school gyms. Laura Casey commented that the VHCS is working on a new calendar platform that should make this process easier in the future. Basketball games start on December 6, 2025 and the Christmas parade will be on Sunday, December 7, 2025. The parade will be in Liberty Park but we will have a new route this year. The football showcase registration is going slow. We have extended the registration dates and have opened it up to youth for a camp and then showcase for the older groups. We will make a decision soon depending on the numbers.
 - b. **Maintenance Update** – not much going on, still doing some clean up at Liberty Park.
3. **Discussion Topics**
 - a. **VSA** – Jamie gave an overview of the program over the past 3 years. He would like the park board to consider letting us take the ownership of the program. We take registration and pay the coaches. We are asking direction in allowing Robby to be the head of the program and he will hire and train the coaches and lead the program. The Park Board is on board with this happening.
 - b. **Vote for 2026 Officers** – covered in the called meeting above.
 - c. Laura Casey thanked the Park Board for their support over the past years and wanted to explore the idea of hosting an outdoor Volleyball game at Wald. They (VHCS) would bring in all the equipment, bleachers, court, etc. They idea would be to have the VH vs. Thompson game played at Wald Park in early September. The Park Board loved the idea and agreed to have Laura and Jamie work out the details.
4. **Next Meeting** –
 - a. Next regular scheduled meeting will be January 20, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.
 - b. Next work session will be February 17, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

Work Session adjourned at 7:57am.



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None



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RE: Recreational Basketball Update

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None



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RE: Tennis Update

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None



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RE: Spring Registration Update

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None



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RE: Maintenance Update

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None



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RE: Old Business

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None



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RE: All Nashville Roadshow

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RE: Southeastern Volleyball Tournament

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RE: Braves Country Event - VHAC

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