



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION

Work Session Notes
April 21, 2026

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Kirk McCulley called to order at 7:36am. Members present; Mitch Bevill, Kirk McCulley, Chad Gay, Mayor Curry, Jay Eichelberger via call. Staff present; Jamie Lee and Sandi Wilson. Guest present; Michael Lytle – LaCrosse, Chad Long – Baseball and Rocky Harmon – Soccer. Mayor Curry led the group in prayer and President McCulley asked Jamie Lee to start with the updates.

1. Parks & Leisure Update – Jamie Lee

a. Spring Sport Update

May 2nd LaCrosse Season completes. Baseball has season ending tournament this week and then a couple weeks off before GBBA begins. Soccer completes May 15th. Softball has 2 weeks left. All has gone well, there has been a few hiccups but overall good.

b. Summer Update

Robby will be leading the VSA teams this season. He is hiring the coaches and he will "Coach the Coaches". All is going well with these changes. Little Rebel Cheer has completed registration with 342 cheerleaders registered. Tackle Football registration is currently opened. The Parks and Leisure Department has partnered with the VHCS for some sports camps this summer. P&L is administering the registration portion and the School System is running the camps. Jamie gave an update on the Outdoor Volleyball Game that Laura Casey spoke to the Park Board about at a previous meeting. They are wanting to do something unique and have an outdoor game on August 29. They are currently looking for sponsors. The cost is \$40,000.00 to host the game. They are wanting to partner with another school system and possibly have multiple games. Jamie has spoken with STS about setting the portable court system on the turf at Wald Park on one of the baseball fields. STS stated that it would be fine. Laura is also giving a presentation to the School Board and highlight their partnership between the Schools and the Parks and Leisure Department. Jamie commended Rocky and Michael on working together on an issue that came up between the fields and fencing, etc. A LaCrosse ball went through the chainlink fence. They came up with the solution of adding additional fencing and that has been ordered.

c. Maintenance Update – VHAC

Met with persons at the VHAC and they should all be off-site by end of next week. Only issue was bonding the 2 pools and they have a plan and are working on that issue. Our maintenance guys are working on a curb or wall to install at the playground at Wald to keep children from climbing up through the grass and ensure safety in the area by the slides. New Merkel House had a new A/C installed. There were a few issues with drains following the install and those are being address and relocated. Splash Pad is set to open May1, 2026. There are a couple of concession stands that are having A/C issues. One has been repaired, LP Adult is still being looked into. LP grass parking lot lights are set to be repaired soon. Over the past 2 years we have been replacing all lights. The floor in the VHCC gym is scheduled to be refinished the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026.

2. Discussion Topics

a. Flag Football - We are attempting to create our own girls flag league and not partner with the Hoover / Homewood league as we did last year. Registration will open for all the girls at the same time with no preformed teams, we will draft teams just as volleyball and softball does. We are having our registration end in time for the pre-formed teams to still join the Hoover League on their own if the want or need to do so. The previous league registrations are open through August 28, 2026.

b. Field Closures – Working with STS to verify exact dates, etc. Jamie wants to make sure that the Park Board is still ok with the fields being closed as they have been in the previous years. Park Board is good with the scheduling.



3. Upcoming Dates – [There is a Softball Tournament on LP 1-4 this weekend.](#)
 - a. May 1 – VB & Flag Registration Opens
 - b. May 2 – Libby's Friends Tournament
 - c. May 6 - 9 – GBBA seeding tournament
4. Next Meeting –
 - a. Next regular scheduled meeting will be May 19, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.
 - b. Next work session will be June 16, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

[Meeting Adjourned 7:57am.](#)