

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

October 6, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Clifford W. Lanham Recreation Advisory Board Secretary.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Gayle Milam and recorded as follows:

MBA President Mike Kridner	Present
Madison Softball League President Bobby Hagood	Present
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Absent
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President	Open
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Absent
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Absent

Also in attendance was Alison Callahan; Bill Ward; Kelly Johnson, Recreation Department; Taylor Edge, Mayors Office and John Allen, SCD.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Recreation Advisory Board selected Bill Ward to be the board president.

Allison Callahan and Lisa Sheffield briefed the board on the work toward bathroom construction at the Dublin soccer fields. The sub committee obtained some bids for the projected construction ranging from 70 to 120,000. The committee has narrowed the configuration of the facilities down and will have a final plan in to the board by Monday 12 October. The sub committee has agreed that the emphasis is on the restroom facilities and perhaps a small concession area.

At this point Taylor introduced John Allen who owns and manages Southern Construction and Design, a local construction company. John provided some construction words of wisdom and ideas to assist in the final plans. John also presented ideas on techniques of construction and cost control.

Taylor advised the board that there may be some money available from one or more of the local county commissioners. The amount of money from the county commissioners and AYSO will dictate the level of construction..

AYSO and their sub committee will have their final plans for review on Monday 12 October.

Mike Kridner discussed the final week of baseball and the great season of some 13 teams. A new MBA board was in the process of formalizing plans for the 2010 year. Once the new plans have been finalized the program will be present to the recreation department.

Bobby Haygood stated that girl's softball had closed for the year and their board was in the planning phases for 2010.

Phillip Herron recommended should evaluate converting Palmer Field 5 into 2-3 smaller fields for Rookie, Prep, and T-ball. Field 7 could possibly be expanded to become the new Babe Ruth field. Lights already exist on Field 7. They would just need to be moved, along with moving/expanding the outfield fence. It is TBD whether or not there is enough room to convert Field 7 to Babe Ruth dimensions. Further investigation is also required to see how many fields could be created at the Field 5 location, but it is assumed that 2 or maybe 3 fields could be created that would be sized similar to the fields already located in the Upper Quad. Lights already exist on Field 5, so these could perhaps be reconfigured to suit the new smaller fields, or lights could be considered a future enhancement to lower the costs of the initial project.

Lisa said that AYSO was closing this season with a tournament on 24 Oct. Indoor soccer will start registration at the tournament and commence shortly. There will be an area tournament in November. State tournaments will be held in Cullman this year.

Alison Callahan discussed the Bradford Creek Greenway and was hoping the city could finalize bids soonest. Scout Troop 350 was providing a scout to work on his Eagle project of a low cross over on the Mill Creek Greenway.

The senior center has been very active with AARP safe driving classes, and preparing for the Roaring 20's program.

Kelly Johnson has been training building supervisors that will open, manage and close elementary school buildings and gyms in accordance with the agreement between recreation and schools departments. There will be over 900 kids in basket ball this year.

Bill Ward recommended that each activity put together a wish list of all the things that that we like for the city to do and or program for completion in the next couple of years. He would like to see this listing prior to the next RAB meeting. Recommend time for submission be 27 Oct 2009

The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 3 November 2009.