

**CALERA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES AND MEETING
August 8, 2011
CALERA CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mayor Jon Graham, Mike Roberson, Candace Roberson, Robert Wade,
Ken Mobley, Andy Gill, Bill Davis, Bobby Joe Phillips**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Stevie Edwards (City of Calera Park Supervisor)
Jarrod Kingrey (Grand Slam representative)
Tommy and Denise Barnhill (ASA Softball State Director)
Leslie Mawhorter (Calera Girls Softball President)**

Bill Davis, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the minutes were read by all and approved by a motion from Ken Mobley and a second by Robert Wade.

***Stevie Edwards gave the park report.**

The sports complex trees may come from grants being worked on. Green Valley Farms will work with us and hold trees for park. Lighting has been checked on through Muscow Lighting. The suggestion was made that the back soccer field should be one large field and have portable scoreboards.

The football concession stand is still in progress and sidewalks will be poured prior to the first home game to keep the area clean. Hopefully the bathrooms will be in working order half way through the season.

Field of Angels are in use of fields 4 and 5 for the coming months, baseball has 3 and 5, leaving girls softball with 1 and 4 only on days that field of angels are not using it.

Both baseball and softball have record numbers of fall ball participants. New fields are needed even more so now.

Lastly, Stevie requested that the board consider a keyless entry system into the budget for the new facilities and concession stands. This would allow people to have cards that can be swiped and the city would be able

to monitor who and what time a building was entered. Cards could be programmed to no longer work. This would eliminate the re-key issue that we have now when an organization changes hands and keys are not returned.

Bill Davis then allowed our guest Jarron Kingrey and Tommy Barnhill both address the travel ball tournaments and use of our parks.

First, Jarrod Kingrey talked about the fall season for the Grand Slam group. It is August through November and spring starting in April until June. His company started 7 years ago and they are very interested in bringing tournaments to Calera. His normal tournaments are Sunday only in the fall season and Saturday and some Sunday's in the spring. The teams are all sanctioned and usually somewhere in the neighborhood of 36 teams play in a tournament. Gate fee is 6.00 a day or 10.00 for the weekend. Employees of the City usually maintain and line off the fields for the tournaments in between games, including dragging. Normally a per field, per day cost is what they pay to host a tournament in a particular City.

Then Tommy Barnhill, the ASA Softball State Director had the chance to share the girls travel ball side of tournament play. He too agreed with Jarrod about the per field, per day cost with city employees available to line off and maintain fields and trash, etc. He gave us information on how other cities bid for tournaments within the state. Sometimes bid are as far out as 3 years. He left information with each member about the ASA program and how to apply for tournaments to be held at your parks. These tournaments can bring lots of revenue to our City if done properly. He also talked about grants that his organization, ASA gives to parks and agreed to email information to Stevie Edwards this information. Field size was also addressed with the park board members by both of these gentlemen.

Bill Davis, Chairman agreed that the size of fields needed to be addressed once again before it was too late and that maybe we could think about designating one weekend a month for travel ball. Ken Mobley agreed and talked about getting together a committee to research the field size and revisit the master plan.

The suggestion was also made by Ken Mobley that we as a park board look into the bid process for tournaments to be held in Calera.

Bobby Joe Phillips made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Robert Wade.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2011.