

Hart County Recreation Department Recreation Advisory Board Minutes October 20, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Frye.

Present: Bob Frye, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, Jeff Meitz, and Bryan Wise

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Approval of the agenda: Mr. Frye motion to amend the agenda to remove item New Business 9B and add Executive Session after New Business. A second by Mr. Wise. Vote: 5-0.

Guest: BOC Chairman Sayer and County Attorney Mrs. Kim Higginbotham

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. to approve the September meeting minutes with the added corrections. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 5-0.

Chairman's Report: None.

Board Member Reports:

Mr. Wehunt: Mentioned online reservation and registration software for the Recreation Department reservation and registration software.

Director's Report: Director Owens gave an update on youth basketball registration. Program signs have been put up around the city.

Old Business: Director Owens informed the RAB on the two bidders for the Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Lighting project. Bid #1 from Cory Clark: \$232,297.00. Bid #2 from Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting: \$200,540.00. No recommendation was made.

Online registration and reservation software. Director Owens presented 3 companies to the RAB. Civic Rec, RecDesk, and Community Pass. Franklin County and Elbert County currently use Civic Rec registration and reservation software. Director Owens recommended that the RAB review the software package information and table any further action until our November meeting. Chairman Sayer asked if the online services would be credit card only? Director Owens said yes. Director Owens said we would not be completely online registration. Any credit card usage fees would be incurred by the person using the service. A motion to table the online registration software discussion was made by Mr. Mietz. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0. Youth Basketball rules were included in the members packet for review.

New Business: A 9U football team has been invited to play in a tournament in Florida. They want to use the department equipment for a few weeks after the season has been completed. Mr. Ryan Winne said he would be responsible for the return of the borrowed equipment after the tournament. A motion was made to allow the 9U team to use the county football equipment for this tournament by Mr. Wise. A second by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 4-1, Mr. Wehunt opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn into executive session by Mr. Wehunt. A second was given by Mr. Meitz. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Mr. Wehunt. A second by Mr. Wise. A motion was given by Mr. Wehunt to suspend Jeff Wiley for his actions on Tuesday October 18 at the Hart County Middle School football field, a two game suspension. Motion died due to lack of a second. A motion was made by Mr. Wise for a one game suspension for his language. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Wise resented his motion. Mr. Wehunt made a motion for a one game suspension. It died for lack of a second.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wise. A second was provided by Mr. Wehunt.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP
Recreation and Parks Director

Next scheduled meeting: November 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park HYDRA Room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.