

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
October 15, 2024**

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson, Erin Gaines, Kay Ankerich, and Mason Bowers

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 15, 2024, by Mr. Robinson, a second by Mr. Bowers. Vote: 5-0.

Invited Guest: None

Chairman's Report: Chairman Frye discussed Board Member attendance at each month.

Board Member Reports: Mr. Robinson: Asked could the Recreation Department revisit the option of offering a soccer program next season. Mr. Robinson also wanted to discuss erosion control for Bailey Drive between the old Gipps property and the park. He also asked about safety training for the Recreation Staff. Director Owens said he would talk to the County Road Department Director about the erosion.

Director's Report: Director Owens reported on facilities. Storm damage at Long Point Park was substantial, consequently causing the park to be closed for the season. More than 20 trees fell in the park due to Hurricane Hellene. Director Owens reported about a vagrant sleeping in the baseball/softball bathrooms at Clay Street Park. Director Owens contacted the City Police and the situation was taken care of. The "T" dock at Gum Branch Tournament Fishing Facility was destroyed in the Hurricane. Youth Basketball registration began October 1. Youth Football had 5 out of 7 teams qualify for the post season tournament.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Ankerich. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines.

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

Next scheduled meeting: November 19, 2024, 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.