**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 21, 2018**

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

A motion to amend the agenda by Mr. Robinson and second by Mr. Fogerty to add in Old Business a discussion about the Quarterly Report to the BOC. Vote: 4-0

**Present:** Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, and Bill Fogerty.

**Staff Present:** Jim Owens, Recreation Director

**Guest Present:** Peggy Vickery

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and a second by Mr. Wehunt to approve the minutes from 7/17/18. Vote: 4-0.

**Invited Guest:** None

**Chairman’s Report:** Mr. Frye discussed a conversation he had with Daniel Marshdon. Mr. Marshdon wanted to use one of our football fields at the Sports and Recreation Complex for a football game to be held on August 24. Mr. Frye poled the RAB and the general consensus was to not allow this rental. Mr. Frye asked Director Owens to give his account of this organization from last year. Director Owens did so. Mr. Frye also mentioned that we do not have a policy for the use of the football/soccer fields. Mr. Frye suggested that the RAB discuss making a policy recommendation to the BOC for this facility. Director Owens said he would research this type of policy from other recreation agencies.

**Board Member’s Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Mr. Robinson asked about participating in a basketball post-season with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) for this season. Director Owens said this is already in the works. He also asked about programming for our senior population in Hart County. Mr. Robinson informed the Board about a phone call he had with a gentleman from the Fairplay, SC community who were looking for opponents for their soccer program. He refered him to Director Owens. Director Owens spoke to the gentleman and unfortunately could not help due to the lack of a youth soccer program. Mr. Robinson asked “how expensive would it be to start a soccer program here in Hart County. Director Owens said we could start out with the existing goals on the new football/soccer fields. There would cost for uniforms and equipment. Director Owens also said we would have opponents to play from surrounding counties. Director Owens said without BOC support it would be very hard to start a new program.

*Steve Wehunt:* Discussed his attendance at the BOC meeting.

*Bill Fogerty*: Mr. Fogerty thanked Mr. Wehunt for attending the BOC meeting. He also mentioned that we should show the BOC what the Department is doing on a daily basis. He also wanted to show how the Departmental responsibilities have increased over the past several years.

*Erin Gaines:* Absent

*Cecil Marett:* Absent

*Jeff Meitz:* Absent

**Director’s Report:** Director Owens gave a report on park facilities and equipment. Specifically, Director Owens informed the Board about the Z-Raduis mowers and the state of that equipment. The X-Mark and the John Deere mowers are over 9 years old with over 1500 and 1800 respectively. The department is cutting much more than when these two mowers were originally purchased.

**Old Business:**

1. RAB Quarterly Report to the BOC. Mr. Frye suggested that we discuss and prepare for this Quarterly Report at the next RAB meeting. Mr. Frye said the BOC needs to hear from this Board as to what the Department is doing. Chairman Frye suggested we present to the BOC at their first meeting in October. Mr. Frye also suggested the Board needs a work session at the next meeting to prepare for the Quarterly Report. RAB members agreed to come up with a list of items they think should be on the report and to bring that list to the next meeting on September 18.
2. The members present agreed by common consent to have this work session at its next meeting.

**New Business:** Director Owens spoke about closing Long Point Park at the end of the season as the Corps of Engineers did when they operated the park. Chairman Frye asked Director Owens to find out when the Corps closes their parks for the season and get back to the Board at its next meeting.

Director Owens informed the Board of a meeting with the Hart County Chamber of Commerce regarding the potential of having a Camp/Park Host at Gum Branch Tournament fishing Facility.

**Public Comment**: None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr.Wehunt. A second was provided by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 4-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: September 18, 2018, 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.