

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
CALLED MEETING
August 8, 2024**

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Kay Ankerich, and Mason Bowers

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Others: Kim Higginbotham, County Attorney, Kaleb Cobb

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to enter into Executive Session. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Cobb was denied the right to be a volunteer coach in the Hart County Youth Football program. Mr. Cobb made a statement about what that he wanted to volunteer to coach in the program and to help with the kids. Mr. Frye asked Mr. Cobb what disqualified him from being able to coach. Mr. Cobb informed the Board about two occurrences. One from 2011 and another from 2014. Mr. Frye asked Mr. Cobb if he had anymore occurrences with the law since 2014. Mr. Cobb replied, No.

Mr. Bowers spoke to his knowledge of Mr. Cobb and spoke highly of Mr. Cobb. Mrs. Ankerich spoke to knowing Mr. Cobb and his family. Mrs. Ankerich spoke highly of Mr. Cobb. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers and a second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to recommend to the BOC to overturn the ruling for Mr. Cobb due to a misinterpretation of the policy and to allow him to coach in the 2024 Football program. The policy is being reviewed and correction will be recommended to the BOC for changes. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 5-0.

The RAB asked Director Owens to make the discussed changes to the Volunteer Packet and bring to the next RAB meeting for the RAB to review and recommend to the BOC for changes.

A motion to adjourn was given by Mr. Bowers. A second was given by Mr. Robinson.