

**Hart County Recreation Department  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
January 18, 2022**

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

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

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

**Board Member Elections:** Mr. Wise nominated Mr. Frye for Chairman. Mr. Meitz gave a second. Vote: 4-0. Mr. Frye abstained. Mr. Wehunt nominated Mr. Robinson as Vice Chairman. Mr. Meitz gave a second. Vote: 5-0.

**Agenda Item I:** Eddie McCurly, Kevin Harris, and Bo Howard were present to discuss changing the lower two tennis courts from tennis to 4 or 6 pickle ball courts. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to build dedicated pickle ball courts instead of 2 tennis courts on the lower two courts during the renovation project beginning in March. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 5-0.

**Board Member Reports:** Mr. Wehunt asked Mrs. Gaines about the information texting that goes out from the schools. Mrs. Gaines said it was a text system called School Status. Director Owens said we use basic texting to coaches to communicate to participants. Mr. Wehunt would like to see if we could piggyback with the BOE to send out information about upcoming activities and events for school aged youth. Mr. Wise thanked Director Owens for a speedy repair on the tube playground element by the tennis courts at Clay Street Park.

**Director's Report:** Director Owens discussed the procedures for selecting the Youth Basketball All-Star teams.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** A discussion was had regarding the facility use agreement to update safety issues and user fees. A motion was made to recommend approval of the Little League Use Agreement for 2022 by Mr. Wise. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0. A motion was made by Mr. Wise to table the Facility Use Agreement policy review until the February meeting. A second was given Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0.

Director Owens asked the RAB to review the job description for the Recreation Associate position to be more definitive of the job. Currently some of the duties are of an administrative type of position. Mr. Wehunt suggested Director Owens update the position description for the RAB review at the February meeting.

Mr. Wise wanted to discuss replacing the aging playground equipment at the Clay Street Park, how much it would cost, placement, and timeline for this possible project. The tube section of the playground needs to be replaced so there is not an enclosed element in the playground. Mr. Wise asked Director Owens to research the possibilities of this project. Director Owens presented two possible designs for this project.

Director Owens also asked the Board about changing one of the Recreation Associate positions to a Maintenance Supervisor position with an increase in compensation. A motion was made by Mr. Wise to draw up a job description for a Maintenance Supervisor position for review at the February meeting. Mr. Wehunt gave a second. Vote: 5-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gaines. A second was provided by Mr. Wise.

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

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: February 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.