

**Hart County Recreation Department  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
Called Meeting  
January 19, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Robinson, Chairman.

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

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

**Officer Elections:** Steve Wehunt nominated Lonnie Robinson for Chairman. Mr. Robinson respectfully declined. Mr. Wehunt nominated Bob Frye. The floor was closed for nominations. By common consent Mr. Frye was elected Chairman. Mr. Wehunt nominated Mr. Robinson for Vice Chairman. Nomination closed. By common consent, Mr. Robinson was elected as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Meitz to approve the minutes from 11/17/20 and 12/1/20 with changes to the date of the meeting. A second by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0.

**Guests:** None

**Chairman's Report:** Mr. Frye asked about the status of the Recreation S.P.L.O.S.T. Director Owens informed the board that the list of priorities was being followed so far. The department purchased two new mowers and the safety netting with S.P.L.O.S.T. funds. Director Owens said the next item on the project list should be the tennis courts.

**Board Member's Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Also asked about the Long Range Plan and where we are in the process. He asked about the money for fixing the building at the Clay Street Park. Mr. Robinson asked about equipment inspection forms and were they being completed? Director Owens replied that equipment inspection forms are being completed by staff on all equipment.

*Steve Wehunt:* nothing

*Erin Gaines:* nothing

*Kay Ankerich:* absent

*Jeff Meitz:* nothing

**Director's Report:** Director Owens showed the Dog Park Rails drawing to the board which will soon be installed. Director Owens informed the board of the new staff member. Wesley Chitwood was hired to fill the open Recreation Associate position. Both Milltown and Long Point Parks front gates had been run through and fixed since the last meeting. The youth basketball program is running smoothly except for several games being cancelled due to COVID quarantine. All regulation COVID are being followed as required for practices and games. Mr. Wehunt asked about cameras in the parks. Director Owens informed Mr. Wehunt we only have one camera due to one being burned up in the car fire at Long Point Park and another being stolen.

**Old Business:** Mrs. Gaines motion to recommend to the BOC to fill the RAB's open position with Brian Wise. A second by Mr. Meitz. Vote: 5-0.

**New Business:** A motion was given by Mr. Robinson to recommend approval of the facility use agreement for Barnes Academy for 2021 to the BOC. Mr. Wehunt gave a second. Vote: 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt to recommend approval of the facility use agreement for the Hart County Little League to the BOC. Mr. Robinson 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. Wehunt.

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

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: February 16, 2021, 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.