

# Hart County Recreation Department Recreation Advisory Board Minutes November 19, 2019

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

**Present:** Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Jeff Meitz

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

**Guests:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt to approve the minutes from 10/15. A second was given by Mr. Robinson.  
Vote: 4-0

**Chairman's Report:** None. Director Owens recommended that the Board amend the By-Laws to read as follows. A motion by Mr. Robinson and a second by Mr. Meitz to amend Article II: Membership, paragraph 2 of the Recreation Advisory Board's By-Laws to read as follows:

"By the November meeting each year, the Recreation Advisory Board shall submit in writing, a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for appointments to the Recreation Advisory Board."

## **Board Member's Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Mr. Robinson asked about the Long Range Plan to identify what has been completed and what has not been completed. Director Owens said the in conjunction with ARCHWAY, completed the 5 year update to the plan 1 to 2 years ago. Mr. Robinson asked about refurbishing the mulch around the playground equipment at the Clay Street Park. Director Owens said that the Department is currently in process with this project and should be completed by early Spring.

*Steve Wehunt:* Mr. Wehunt commented on the 9U Super Bowl and how well he thought it went. Mr. Wehunt also commented on the Flag Football program this season and how much he appreciated it.

*Jeff Meitz:* Mr. Meitz asked for an update on the equipment we recently purchased. He also asked about the Clay Street Park roof repair projects. Mr. Meitz asked about the placement of grills at the SRC pavilions. Director Owens informed the Board about Phase II of the Where We Play Playground and when it is scheduled to begin. Director Owens said the completion of Phase II would be a good time to install grills at the pavilions.

**Director's Report:** Director Owens reported on the Youth Football program. We had two teams qualify for this years playoffs, 9U and 10U. The 9U team won the NGYFA Super Bowl. Flag Football was a huge success this season. The Adult Softball program was a tremendous success. We had 9 teams for the Fall Season. We will continue this program next Fall. Youth Basketball has begun across the county. Director Owens said the program has 4-8U and 4-10U Boys teams and 3-12U Boys teams. We also have 1-8U Girls and 2-10U girl's teams this season. Mr. Robinson asked about the safety of the elementary school gyms due to the actual size of the gyms. Mr. Wehunt offered to donate the padding for the walls behind the goals at the elementary schools. Director Owens informed the Board that our 10U teams will have to play on 8 ½ foot goals for two reasons. The outside teams we will be playing also play by GRPA rules. GRPA rules are also used for All-Star Tournaments. Director Owens said we are hindered due to the fact the goals we play on do not adjust.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Board Member recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt to recommend Bob Frye be reappointed to the RAB. A second was given by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 3-0 with Mr. Frye abstaining. A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt and a second by Mr. Frye to recommend Mr. Robinson be reappointed to the RAB. Vote: 3-0 with Mr. Robinson abstaining. A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt and a second by Mr. Frye to recommend Mr. Meitz be reappointed to the RAB. Vote: 3-0 with Mr. Meitz abstaining. A recommendation by Mr. Frye with a second by Mr. Meitz to recommend Mrs. Kay Ankerich be appointed to the RAB. Vote: 4-0.

Director Owens informed the RAB that the safety netting between the Score Tower and ballfield backstops will be replaced before the season starts. A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt and a second by Mr. Robinson, to recommend the Little League 2019-2020 Facility Use Agreement to the BOC for approval. Vote: 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Robinson. 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: December 17, 2019 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.