

**Hart County Recreation Department  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
February 20, 2023**

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

**Present:** Lonnie Robinson, Erin Gaines, Kay Ankerich, and Bryan Wise

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

**Approval of the agenda:** Mr. Wise motion to approve. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 4-0.

**Officer Elections:** Mr. Wise nominated Mr. Frye for chairman. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 4-0. Mrs. Ankerich nominated Mr. Robinson for Vice-Chairman. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 3-0, with Mr. Robinson abstaining.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was given to approve the minutes from 10/20 and 11/15 with a correction on 10/20 by Mr. Wise. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 4-0.

**Guest:** None

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Board Member Reports:** None

**Director's Report:** Director Owens gave an update about the tennis/pickle ball lighting project and the new cracks in the courts. Director Owens will be meeting with the representative from the contractor to discuss the cracks.. Director Owens gave the 2022 Annual Report & 2023 Vision and Beyond. Director Owens gave an update on the field renovations at both parks on all diamond fields. Repairs to existing buildings at the Clay Street Park have begun and are ongoing. Director Owens discussed the bathroom replacement project for the tennis/pickle ball courts. Director Owens said he would like to update and add signage to all parks. Director Owens also discussed the future of the Recreation Center at the HC Sports and Recreation Complex. Director Owens also discussed the future acquisition of property around the county for future growth.

**Old Business:** Baseball/Softball Field lights for travel ball, was not taken off the table for discussion. A motion was given by Mr. Wise to discuss a new 6U Tackle Football program. Mrs. Gaines gave a second. Vote: 4-0. Director Owens discussed the cost and issues for implementing this program. The question was raised about what would happen to our Flag Football program if a 6U Tackle Football program is implemented. A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines to table the 6U Tackle Football program discussion to the March meeting. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 4-0. Little League Facility Use Agreement for 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Wise to recommend approval of the agreement. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 4-0. A discussion about the RAB looking into appointing program assistant coaches as well as head coaches was tabled for the March meeting. Mr. Wise motioned and Mrs. Gaines gave a second. Vote: 4-0. A discussion was had about the pay per game for basketball scorekeepers and clock keepers. After a short discussion, it was decided to recommend to the BOC to raise the pay for scorekeepers and clock operators for basketball to \$12/gm. Mrs. Ankerich gave a motion and Mrs. Gaines gave a second. Vote: 4-0. The NGYFA has, as of their last meeting on February 15, voted to mandate reversible football jerseys in the 2024 season. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to table the discussion on football jerseys until the March meeting. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 4-0. They also have increased the gate fee from \$3.00 for adults age 18 and up and \$1.00 for kids 5-17, to \$5.00 for everyone ages 18-65. All others will be free. Director Owens discussed the Land Water Conservation Fund Grant and funding projects to fund through this grant opportunity. Director Owens went over the fencing for

the basketball court. Director Owens recommended Superior Fencing for the job. A&T fencing gave a quote of \$9,990.00. Ironman Fencing gave a quote of \$6922.94. Ironman Fencing did not quote what was asked for and was disqualified. Superior fencing gave a quote of \$8,336.14. A motion was given by Mrs. Gaines. A second was given by Mr. Wise, to go with Superior Fencing. Vote: 4-0.

**New Business:**

**Public Comment:** None

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

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

Next scheduled meeting: March 20, 2023, 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.