

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Called Meeting
February 25, 2021**

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, Jeff Meitz, and Bryan Wise

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Guests: BOC Chairman Marshall Sayer

Chairman's Report: Nothing

Board Member's Reports:

Lonnie Robinson: nothing

Steve Wehunt: nothing

Erin Gaines: nothing

Kay Ankerich: absent

Jeff Meitz: absent

Bryan Wise: nothing

Director's Report: Director Owens brought to the Board about uniforms for the upcoming youth sports bids for 2021. After some discussion the Board by conscientious decided to stay with the same uniform style as previous years. Director Owens informed the Board of the Long Point Park opening on March 1, 2021. The Little League practices have begun. The Board members were made aware of the Mega Ramp tournament schedule, the Barnes Academy baseball schedule, and the Hart County Middle School baseball schedule.

Old Business: Kristen Summers wants to provide a tennis program/clinic utilizing the Clay Street Park courts. A motion was made by Erin Gaines to set the Facility Use Agreement fee at \$100.00/month, for two (2) tennis courts. Ms. Summers will provide the tennis program as she discussed with the Board at a previous meeting. Mr. Robinson gave a second. Vote: 6-0.

Commissioner Sayer has left the meeting.

New Business: On February 20, 2021, an incident happened during the 4th quarter of the 10:00 12U youth basketball game. Mr. Wise had a firsthand account of this incident and gave his account. Mr. Wise stated the the coach, Barricus Craft, had been on the referees for most of the game. Mr. Craft had a dispute about a call and came onto the court to discuss with the referee, Derrick Harper. The disputed call was about ball possession. There was verbal back and forth between the referee and the coach. The discussion ended and play continued. As play continued Mr. Wise heard the coach say, "I know where your live", and the referee said, "I know where you live too." The jawing between the coach and the official continued. Mr. Wise said he saw the coach make the first move with a fist and the official defended himself. Mr. Wise said it turned into quite the brawl. It took about 10 people to break up the altercation. Mr. Frye said he was told that Mr. Craft had to be carried out of the gym.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise to banish Mr. Craft for one (1) calendar year from all Hart County facilities and programs and activities. Mr. Craft is also suspended from coaching or volunteering with Hart County Recreation and Parks programs for five (5) years. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Mr. Robinson asked if there is an appeal process. Mr. Frye said Mr. Craft can appeal at any time during the five (5) year suspension period. Vote: 6-0.

Public Comment: None

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

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

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: March 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.