

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 15, 2022**

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

Present: Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, and Kay Ankerich

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Guest: Mindy Wise

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to approve the November minutes. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 6-0. A motion was made to approve the January minutes by Mr. Wehunt to approve the January minutes. Vote: 5-0 with one abstention, Mr. Robinson was not in attendance.

Invited Guest: Mindy Wise, HYDRA Director, wanted to speak about HYDRA's request for new playground equipment at the Clay Street Park. Mrs. Wise gave a presentation of suggested playground equipment she would like to have installed by the county. Mr. Frye asked Mrs. Wise who does she see funding her request? Mrs. Wise said she wants the county to fund this project and HYDRA would help where possible. Mrs. Ankerich ask about the numbers for HYDRA for the current afterschool program. Mrs. Wise said she had 45 in the program. She said they would approximately 50 in summer camp.

Mr. Wise joined the meeting.

Mr. Wehunt asked what would be Mrs. Wise's priority. She said swings and any climbing apparatus.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Frye gave some numbers on Little League participation.

Board Member Reports:

Mr. Robinson: Where will the location be for the basketball goals? He also asked steps by the tennis courts and pavilion and the needed handicapped accessible ramp. He also asked about the fitness equipment around the yellow trail at the new park. Director Owens said we will locate a place to put basketball court as soon as possible.

Director's Report: Director Owens reported that two employees resigned and would be leaving the department. The two positions will be posted in house and then to the public.

Old Business: Youth Basketball All Stars. We sent 5 teams to GRPA All Stars this year. Two teams automatically made it to State, 10U Boys and 10U Girls. 8U Girls, 8U Boys, and 12U Boys represented in the GRPA District 7 tournament but didn't advance to State. Director Owens informed the RAB that we need to have summer sports camps to enhance the skills and abilities of our youth in Hart County. Director Owens gave a brief update on the Tennis Court Renovation Project. Director Owens discussed a meeting with Bo Howard and Eddie McCurly regarding the Pickle Ball court design. Director Owens suggested that the undeveloped 10 acres at the new park be developed into a Pickle Ball/Tennis Court Complex.

New Business: Director Owens informed the RAB that Paynes Creek Campground opened on March 1. Long Point Park also opened on March 1. Milltown Campground will open later in the season. Mr. Wise asked about online reservation and registration software. Director Owens said the software is relatively expensive and that our equipment will need to be upgraded to support this software.

Director Owens suggested that the RAB should assume there will be a SPLOST 6. The RAB needs to begin a new list for the new SPLOST. Director Owens asked that a committee be formed for the upcoming 2022-2023 budget. The RAB suggested to meet early before our regular meeting to discuss the next budget.

Director Owens asked the RAB to recommend an updated Recreation Associate position job description. A motion was given by Mr. Wise and a second by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 6-0.

Director Owens asked the RAB to look over a Parks Maintenance Supervisor job description and make a recommendation to the BOC to add this position description and change one of the Recreation Maintenance Supervisor position. A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to accept and recommend the Recreation Maintenance Supervisor position to the BOC for their review. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-1, Mr. Frye voted no.

Director Owens informed the RAB about the changes in player participation rule in the NGYFA. They also have reduced the number of games per season and added a Mega Bowl between the AFC and the NFC.

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

Next scheduled meeting: April 19, 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.