**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 26, 2018**

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

**Present:** Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Bill Fogerty, Erin Gaines, and Jeff Meitz.

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

**Guest Present:**  Trey Hicks and Jason Ashworth

**Approval of the minutes:** Mr. Fogerty asked for a revision to his comments and provided a written statement of what he wanted the minutes to reflect his comments. A motion was made by Lonnie Robinson and a second by Jeff Meitz to approve the minutes of 12/19/16. Vote: 5-0.

**Chairman’s Report:** None

**Board Member’s Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Wanted to note that we stay in contact with the Head Referee during basketball. Mr. Robinson would like to see some type of Summer Camp for sports and other programs. He also wanted to investigate the possibility of moving towards All-Stars for basketball and football.

*Steve Wehunt*: absent

*Bill Fogerty*: Mr. Fogerty mentioned about grants writers being out there if we wanted to find them. He also mention the sports officials and how are they trained and evaluated. Chairman Frye informed Mr. Fogerty that an evaluation is an on-going process during the season. Mr. Robinson said that most of these officials are certified through Georgia High School Association.

*Erin Gaines:* None

*Cecil Marett:* absent

*Jeff Meitz:* None

**Director’s Report:** Director Owens gave a brief report on the facilities and programs. Youth Basketball has finished the 2018 season. The baseball fields at the SRC are almost ready for the upcoming season. The steps project is complete except for the hand rail.

Chairman Frye gave a financial report at this point in the budget. At 33.33% of the of the budget year the Recreation and Parks Department budget is at 28.93% spent. This means at this point in the year we are 4.4% under budget.

**Old Business:** Budget committee workshop meeting will be held at 5:00 on March 19 before the regular meeting.

**New Business:** Goal post replacement on the Jimmy Bell Multipurpose Field. Trey Hicks and Jason Ashworth were present to speak about getting new goal post on the field. Mr. Hicks mentioned getting goals donated or buying a set. Mr. Hicks said he is just looking for a place to play soccer. Jeff Meitz asked Mr. Hicks to bring before the R.A.B. exactly what they want to do and how much that will cost and who will be donating this equipment. Mr. Frye and Director Owens would also like to run this by the County Administrator. Mr. Robinson made a motion to allow the community to use the Jimmy Bell Multipurpose Field with the contingency that it does not interfere with other programs. Erin Gaines gave a second. Vote: 5-0.

Mr. Hicks mentioned that he would like to see the playground by the creek at the Clay Street Park renovated.

Jeff Meitz asked if we could change the meeting time. Mr. Frye said he would look into what it would take to change the meeting date.

Mr. Robinson asked, what is the process for getting things on the meeting agenda. Director Owens said agenda items can be texted, emailed, or by any other way communicated to him to be added to the agenda. Chairman Frye and Director Owens go over the agenda before its sent out.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Lonnie Robinson. A second was provided by Erin Gaines. Vote: 5-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: March 19, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park Community Room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.