**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 23, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Granger, Vice Chairman.

**Present:** Bill Granger, Bob Frye, Steve Wehunt, Lonnie Robinson, Jessica Seawright, Bill Fogerty.

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

**Guests:** Willie Goodman

Bob Frye gave a prayer.

**Nominations for Officers:** Steve Wehunt nominated Bill Granger. Bill Fogerty gave a second. Bob Frye motioned to close nominations. Bill Fogerty gave a second. No vote necessary

Steve Wehunt nominated Bob Frye for Vice Chairman. Bill Fogerty gave a second. Lonnie Robinson made a motion to close the nominations. Steve Wehunt gave a second. No vote necessary.

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Bob Frye and a second by Lonnie Robinson to approve the minutes of 12/19/16 with the addition of Lonnie Robinson added to those in attendance. Vote: 6-0

**Chairman’s Report:** Mr. Granger gave a report on the trip to Jasper, Georgia, to look at the Pickens County Recreation Department Community Center. Mr. Granger and Director Owens have several pictures of this facility. Mr. Granger and Director Owens also went to the City of Gainesville’s Frances Meadows Aquatic Center.

Mr. Granger also started a discussion on this year’s Youth Basketball program. Items discussed were officials, players, coaches, and facilities.

**Board Member’s Reports:**

*Bob Frye*: none

*Lonnie Robinson*: wanted to know about make-up games. Director Owens informed Mr. Robinson that those games would be made up and would be scheduled after the school season had been concluded. Mr. Robinson asked about the campsites at Milltown Campground. Director Owens informed Mr. Robinson that there is no budget or resources to open this facility.

*Jessica Seawright*: Asked about a retreat for the board and the possible dates

*Steve Wehunt*: None

*Bill Fogerty*: None

**Director’s Report:** Director Owens informed the board of ongoing and upcoming projects. Director Owens reported on the tennis court lighting and splitting the lower 4 courts into 2 courts each. Director Owens reported that the Hart County Little League organization will be paying for the replacement of the bulbs and cleaning of the lenses in the ballfield lighting at the Clay Street Park. Little League will also donate a load (24 tons) of “Ultimate 1” from Crimson Stone in Alabama. This material will be applied to field 4 at the Sports and Recreation Complex.

Willie Goodman said he was here to make a bridge from the R.A.B. and the community. He spoke about the youth basketball program and the need for a County Recreation Center. He also commented that this facility would not only be used for basketball but for many more events and programs.

**Old Business:** Mr. Granger asked Director Owens to show the R.A.B. the issues with the Clay Street Park Community Building.

Director Owens recommended that the Board that they table the discussion of the Long Range Plan review due to the late hour and length of the meeting and have a called meeting for a Long Range Plan Update work session. Mr. Granger suggested a meeting for Thursday February 16 at 6:00.

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jessica Seawright. A second was provided by Lonnie Robinson. Vote: 6-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: February 27, 2017 due to Director Owens being out of town on the 3rd Monday of the month.