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**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 24, 2017**

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

**Present:** Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, and Bill Fogerty.

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

**Guest Present:**  Commissioner Marshall Sayer, Coach Mike Edwards, Danny Webb, Kevin Heaton

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Lonnie Robinson and a second by Steve Wehunt to approve the minutes from 6/19/17. Vote: 3-0. Bob Frye and Bill Fogerty obtained.

**Chairman’s Report:** Bob Frye -

**Board Member’s Reports:**

Lonnie Robinson: Asked about the Long Range Plan meeting and the Recreation Center for S.P.L.O.S.T. consideration and what the community needs to know. He also said he has inquired to get sponsors to split the lighting for the tennis courts at the Clay Street Park.

Bill Fogerty: None

*Steve Wehunt*: None

*Erin Gaines*: None

**Director’s Report:** Director Owens thanked the staff for keeping everything going while he was on vacation. They did a great job. Director Owens gave a report on the Youth Football and Cheerleading registration numbers. He informed the board of the extended registration for one more week. Director Owens gave an update on the turf management program and all is progressing as planned. Little League still has one team in the playoffs. Wet-N-Wild will be at Long Point Park again this year on August 12 & 13. There will be a coach’s clinic on Thursday July 27 at 6:00. Director Owens gave the dates of the player evaluations and drafts. Director Owens informed the Board about the S.P.L.O.S.T. timeline. Within the next 1 to 2 weeks we need to provide Terrell Partain with a list of items the Recreation Department will request. Lonnie Robinson asked if there was a line item in the budget to pay for these less expensive items. Director Owens has been asked to get a list together of the parks building repairs that are needed in the parks. Mrs. Gaines asked if there were going to be any programs at the Clay Street park that will benefit from these facility repairs.

**Old Business:** Board Member recommendations – Erin Gaines nominated Cecil Merrett. Bill Fogerty nominated Jeff Meitz. Vote: 4-1. Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Erin Gaines, Steve Wehunt for Cecil Merrett, Bill Fogerty for Jeff Meitz. The R.A.B. recommends Cecil Merrett to replace Bill Grainger on the Board.

Director Owens gave a brief report on the B.O.C.’s final numbers for the Recreation Department FY 2017-2018 annual budget.

**New Business:** Coaches Selection for 2017 Football and Cheerleading:

Cheerleading: Shelisa Woodall, Jessica Dutton, Kamia Carter, Jessica Robinson, and Rose More

A motion was made by Erin Gains and a second by Lonnie Robinson to amend the agenda to move up public comment to allow the guests to speak. Vote: 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

Danny Webb spoke to the need of a Recreation Center and how that would not only benefit the kids but also benefit the community as a whole. Mr. Webb said “we need this Recreation Center for many things, not just sports.”

Coach Mike Edwards coaches at the HCHS. Coach Edwards said “Your HS programs are as good as your feeder programs.” This community does not have a Recreation Center. Franklin County, Stephens County and Elbert County have very nice Recreation Centers. Coach Edwards asked, “Why does Hart County not have a Rec Center for the citizens?”

Kevin Heaton commented how we have great football, baseball, and softball fields here in Hart County. We need an indoor facility for the kids.

Steve Wehunt mentioned that Hart County and The City of Hartwell are recruiting new business to the area. Potential employers want to know what opportunities Hart County has for our employees before they will locate here.

Kevin Heaton wanted to know what citizens can do to bring this to the forefront. Bill Fogerty mentioned community meetings.

Cheer: Shelisha Woodall, Jessica Dutton, Kamia Carter, Jessica Robinson, and Rose Moore. Motion to appoint these coaches by Erin Gaines, second by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 5-0

6U: None applied at this time.

8U: Phil Blackwell, Ron Allen, Robert Humphrey, & Perries Rucker. Motion to appoint these coaches made by Lonnie Robinson, second by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-1. Bill Fogerty abstained.

10U: Shane Williamson, Billy Rucker, Mycal Bailey. Motion to appoint these coaches by Lonnie Robinson, second by Erin Gaines. Vote: 4-1. Bill Fogerty abstained.

12U: Chad Bailey & Danny Webb. Reco Jackson if we have a 3rd team. Motion to appoint these coaches by Steve Wehunt, Lonnie Robinson gave a second by. Vote: 4-1. Bill Fogerty abstained.

Lonnie Robinson asked about the S.P.L.O.S.T. and what is going on with that.

Long Range Plan meeting will be August 15 at 6:00 in the Community Room at Clay Street Park.

Director Owens asked for the members to provide any S.P.L.O.S.T. projects that they would like to see on the list of projects by Friday July 28. He also asked for a list of current more pressing projects of repairs at the Clay Street Park.

Steve Wehunt asked for Director Owens to leave the room. Mr. Wehunt asked for Mr. Fogerty to communicate with other member as a whole.

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

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: August 21, 2017, 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.