

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
November 18, 2025**

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

Present: Steve Wehunt, Casey Powell, Mason Bowers, Kay Ankerich

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Wehunt to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Bowers gave a second. Mrs. Ankerich wanted clarity of the County Dog Leash Policy. Vote: 5-0

Approval of minutes: Mr. Powell made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 5-0

Invited Guest: None.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Frye recommended we forgo the December meeting. A motion was given by Mr. Bowers and a second was given by Mrs. Ankerich to not have a December meeting. Vote: 5-0

Board Member Reports: Mr. Bowers said Little League is paying for replacement of the awnings over the serving windows at the SRC BB building. Keith Cordell will be doing this for them. The Recreation Department will be facilitating the safety wall around the cooking area. March 14 is Opening Day of Little League. Little League will be placing a monument for the softball team from last season. Mr. Powell asked about dragging the Clay Street Park fields on the weekends where a travel ball tournament is scheduled for the SRC BB fields. Director Owens agreed to make that happen.

Director's Report: Director Owens informed the Board about continuing field operations. Director Owens gave an update on the youth basketball program team drafts.

Old Business: A motion was made by Mr. Powell and a second was given by Mr. Wehunt to move forward with the safety wall around the cooking area at the SRC BB building. Vote: 5-0.

New Business: A motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Frye to the RAB by Mrs. Ankerich and a second by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0 with Mr. Frye abstaining. A motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Robinson to the RAB by Mrs. Ankerich and a second by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 5-0. A motion was made to re-appoint Mrs. Ankerich to the RAB by Mr. Powell and a second by Mr. Bowers. Vote: 4-0 with Mr. Mrs. Ankerich abstaining. A motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Powell to the RAB by Mrs. Ankerich and a second by Mr. Bowers. Vote: 4-0 with Mr. Powell abstaining. Mr. Owens discussed installing Road and Parking lot lights on the road down to the Dog Park and in the Football field and Dog Park lots. This will be the next SPLOST Project after the Batting Cage Cover, Basketball Court Cover, and Fitness Equipment around the SRC Walking Trail. These lights will be for safety lighting in those areas. Mr. Owens brought up the SRC BB Field 3 light repair. Mr. Powell said HTC can help with locating the line break. Once the break is located we can proceed from there with determining how to fix it. Director Owens brought up the Where We Play Playground Sun Shade repair. Hurricane Helene destroyed 2 of the 3 sunshades and other storms destroyed the last one. Director Owens said this needs to be repaired by February 1, 2026.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wehunt. A second was given by Mr. Mr. Powell.

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

Next scheduled meeting: October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park HYDRA meeting room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.