

**Hart County Recreation Department  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Robinson, Vice Chairman.

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

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

**Officer Elections:** A motion was made by Steve Wehunt to nominate Lonnie Robinson for RAB Chairman. A second was given by Erin Gaines. Nominations were closed. Vote: 3-0, Lonnie Robinson abstained. A motion was made by Kay Ankerich to nominate Bob Frye as Vice Chairman. A second was given by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made by Erin Gaines to approve the minutes from 11/19/19. A second was given by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

**Guests:** None

**Chairman's Report:** None.

**Board Member's Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Lonnie Robinson asked about the possibility of starting a new soccer program. Director Owens informed him that while the YMCA has a program we will not duplicate a program like that offered in the county.

*Bob Frye:* Absent

*Steve Wehunt:* nothing

*Erin Gaines:* nothing

*Kay Ankerich:* nothing

*Jeff Meitz:* Absent

**Director's Report:** Youth Basketball season has ended. We played opponents from Elbert, Rabun, Stephens, and Habersham Counties this season. We have one team from each age group for a total of five teams competing in GRPA District All Stars this year. The D7 first games will begin the last weekend of February. The State Championship tournament will be the following weekend. These games will be in various locations in the state. Board members asked to budget for some of these tournaments for next season, both basketball and football. Long Point Park opens on March 1, 2020. We are working on getting automatic flush valves replaced in the bathrooms at Long Point Park before we open for the season. The bids for the new baseball and softball safety netting are due on February 20. We are working on replacing the bathroom partitions in the SRC baseball/softball complex. The lights on the two tennis courts by the old Gipps building have been fixed and are on a timer from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. A light structure for the SRC playground is in the works and will be completed (weather permitting) by Little League opening day.

**Old Business:** The Memorial Bench for Tyler Faye is in progress and should be here and installed by Little League opening Day.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Steve Wehunt with a second by Kay Ancherich to allow Barnes Academy Facility Use Agreement for 2020. Vote: 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Erin Gaines. A second was provided by Kay Ancherich.

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

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: March 17, 2020 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.