

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
August 19, 2025**

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson (via phone), Kay Ankerich, Erin Gaines, Casey Powell, Mason Bowers

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: Christina Bell, HYDRA Director

Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 5-0

Mr. Bowers came in.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025, by Mrs. Gaines, a second by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 5-0. Mr. Powell abstained.

Invited Guest: None.

Chairman's Report: None

Board Member Reports: Mrs. Ankerich asked to have a broom put on the Pickleball courts. Director Owens said he would get the brooms. Mr. Bowers asked to put a wall for an outdoor grill station at the SRC baseball concession stand. This will be located outside the concession stand backdoor. Little League will pay for this project. Director Owens agreed this would make the facility much safer for all kids who attend activities where the grill is used. Mr. Powell made a motion to approve this project and recommend that it be approved. Mrs. Gaines gave a second. Vote: 6-0. Mr. Bowers also mentioned the new monument for the Senior League Girls Softball accomplishments. All agreed to this monument via general consensus.

Director's Report: Director Owens reported on facilities and some projects. Director Owens met with a contractor to get ideas for installing a cover over the SRC batting cages and the CSP basketball court. Director Owens informed the Board about the merge of Musco Lighting and Civic Rec reservation software to allow the public to pay online for the rental of the Tennis/Pickleball court lights without having to call the Recreation Department to do so. Director Owens also informed the Board that we have 184 tackle football players and 94 cheerleaders this season. We also have 24 Flag Football players. Flag football will have 2 teams and will play Elbert County to fill out the season games. Director Owens informed the Board about 2 baseball tournaments through Top Gun Sports.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The Board approved recommendation of the 2025 Uniform Bid document and that it be sent out, to the BOC. Mrs. Ankerich made a motion and Mr. Bowers gave a second. Vote: 6-0.

Public Comment: Ms. Christina Bell, HYDRA Director, asked for permission to use one of our football fields at the SRC to have a movie night. She would like to hold three movies, one in September, October, and November. Mr. Bowers made a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 6-0.

Director Owens informed the Board that September 2 will be the date for the Bon Fire.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gaines. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP

Recreation and Parks Director

Next scheduled meeting: September 16, 2025, 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.