

Hart County Recreation Department Recreation Advisory Board Minutes November 15, 2022

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

Present: Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Jeff Meitz, and Bryan Wise

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Approval of the agenda: Mr. Frye motion to amend the agenda to remove items 10A and 10B and add basketball coaches selections to 10F. A second by Mr. Wise. Vote: 6-0.

Mrs. Ankerich joined the meeting

Guest: Mason Bowers wanted to ask the RAB to adjust the fee structure for renting baseball/softball fields for practice and to use lights. AJ Kelly was also present along with 2 other travel ball softball coaches. Mr. Frye asked Director Owens to get an hourly cost to run the lights per field at the Sports and Recreation Complex. A motion was made by Mrs. Ankerich and a second was given by Mrs. Gaines to table the discussion about ballfield lights for travel ball practices. Mrs. Gaines joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman's Report: None.

Board Member Reports:

Lonnie Robinson: Mr. Robinson asked about the basketball goals and the timeline for getting them installed. Mr. Frye said he was the one holding that up due to his work schedule. Director Owens said he had asked about getting another company to dig the holes but would have to wait for the locate to be completed before digging. Mr. Robinson also asked about replacing the old rusting doors in the old park to be replaced. He also asked about the partitions being replaced in the men's bathroom at the new park. Mr. Frye commented the Mr. Ronnie Temple would be replacing the doors and partitions.

Steve Wehunt: Mr. Wehunt said we need online registration. Mr. Wehunt asked if we could begin a soccer program.

Jeff Meitz: Agreed with Mr. Wehunt about online registration and how much we need this software.

Mr. Wise asked if he could defer his comments to the end of the meeting.

Director's Report: Director Owens gave out information regarding online registration and reservation software and the costs for these programs. The programs researched were Mysites (\$6,000/year), EZFacilities (\$6588/year), GovPilot , and CivicRec (\$4725/year, 1st year cost\$7,838 includes training and software). Director Owens also had information from RecDesk (\$4800/year, no training) and Community Pass (\$4800/yearno training). Elbert County and Franklin County both use CivicRec and are completely satisfied with the software. Mr. Wise commented that we need to move forward with one of these packages. **Mr. Meitz motioned to recommend to the BOC to do a budget transfer for the purchase of reservation and registration software and that we purchase CivicRec. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote- 7-0 for the recommendation.**

Old Business: Director Owens discussed the tennis/pickle ball courts lighting and that we are looking to do most of the installation in-house.

New Business: 6U Tackle Football: Director Owens said that 16 out of the 26 programs in the Ngyfa field a 6U program. Mr. Wise commented that he thought the teams he faced this season as a 7U coach who had 6U teams were better than our teams. The Board as a whole discussed and understood that there would be considerable cost to add a 6U program. Mr. Meitz motioned to table until out next meeting. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 7-0.

A motion was given by Mrs. Ankerich to recommend Mrs. Gaines be reappointed. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 6-0, Mrs Gaines sustained. A motion was given by Mr. Meitz to reappoint Mr. Wise. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 6-0, Mr. Wise abstained. A motion was given by Mr. Wise to reappoint Mr. Wehunt. A second was given by Mr. Meitz. Vote: 6-0, Mr. Wehunt sustained.

Mr. Wehunt motioned to not have a December meeting. Mrs. Ankerich gave a second. Vote: 7-0.

Coaches selection for 2023

8U Boys Two Teams

Ron Moore and Perries Rucker applied to coach this group. A motion was given to appoint these two applicants by Mr. Wise. A second was given by Mr. Meitz. Vote: 7-0.

10U Boys 4 Teams

Jim Allen, Gabriel Hester, Trae Teasley, and Chavondria Craft applied to coach this group. Mr. Robinson motioned to appoint these applicants. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 7-0

12U Boys 2 Teams. Tony Hickmon and Jonathon Durrett applied to coach this age group. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and a second by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 7-0.

8U Girls: No applicants

10U Girls 2 Teams

Corey Goss, Makesha Cobb-Blackwell, and Naquanda Clark have applied to coach this age group. A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines motioned Goss and Cobb-Blackwell be appointed to coach this age group. A second was given by Mr. Meitz. Vote: 7-0.

12U Girls 1 Team

A motion was given by Mrs. Ankerich to appoint Mr. Kelly to coach this team. A second was given by Mr. Wise. Vote: 7-0.

Basketball Rules:

Mr. Wise asked that the 10U age groups be allowed to press full court for the whole game except when leading by 10 points. The Board agreed by general consensus to allow full court press.

Mr. Wise made a motion to recommend a change with the recreation director's position. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 4-2 against, Lonnie Robinson abstained. Motion failed.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gaines. A second was provided by Mr. Robinson.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP

Recreation and Parks Director

Next scheduled meeting: January 17, 2023, 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.