

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
May 21, 2019
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bob Frye, Chairman.

Present: Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, and Erin Gaines

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Guests: Lee Carey and Judi Robertson

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to approve the minutes from 4/16/2019. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

Chairman's Report: None

Board Member's Reports:

Steve Wehunt: Spoke on behalf of the Tuesday night dance group. Mr. Wehunt motioned that this group be exempt from paying the monthly usage fee. Chairman Frye said he is in favor to recommend this motion. Chairman Frye asked Mr. Carey to tell the Board about his group. Mr. Carey spoke about the group and told the Board about the group. He said that no fees were charged to participate. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the building and food. Mr. Robinson gave a second. Mrs. Gaines asked the name of the group. The name is Judie's Attitudes. Vote: 4-0.

Lonnie Robinson: Mr. Robinson asked that the RAB recommend that Aurelia Craft have the fee waived to reserve a ballfield at the Clay Street Park for an event on Saturday August 10 from 9:00 to 3:00 for a community event called LIVE EAT GROW. A motion was made by Mr. Robinson that the LIVE EAT & GROW be allowed to use the facility on said date and have the fee waived. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. VOTE: 4-0. Mr. Robinson would like to see provide sports camps for our youth. Mr. Robinson would like to connect with the high School football coach and see if we could connect with him and provide this opportunity for the Hart County kids.

Erin Gaines: Mrs. Gaines informed the Board about an incident that she witnessed at the football complex at the Sports and Recreation Complex. Chairman Frye said his wife witnessed two individuals having relations in their car in the football parking lot. Their license plate was from Franklin County.

Director's Report: Director Owens informed the Board about the facilities and grounds. Director Owens met with Mr. Charles Rice to discuss our continued management plan for our ballfields. Director Owens spoke about the recent past event at Gum Branch Park that went well and the upcoming Music Festival at Long Point Park on Memorial Weekend. All facilities were ready and will be ready for these events. Director Owens informed the Board about registration for football and cheerleading programs. We have 2 football players registered at this time. Director Owens told the Board that with the football program having single age groups and if we have only one team per age group like we did last year, we should retain the coaches from last season. This all depends on last year's coaches returning. This adds continuity to our program and allows our kids to learn at a faster pace.

Mrs. Gaines asked if we could provide Flag Football for the 5 and 6 year olds for this season. Director Owens said we could do this program for this season if the BOC approved. Mr. Wehunt said he had a grandson who would like to play as well. Chairman Frye asked Mr. Owens to check with the NGYFA to make sure we are not violating any rules.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Chairman Frye asked when we were going to set up a budget meeting. The budget committee consists of Mrs. Gaines, Mr. Wehunt, and Mr. Frye. A budget committee meeting will be on May 29 at 5:30 in the Recreation Office. Mr. Robinson asked about the status of the Where –We – Play Playground Phase 2. Director Owens said he had no information at this time.

Mr. Wehunt said he wanted to clear the air about something. Mr. Wehunt said he does not have a vendetta towards any of the dance groups who use our facility. Mr. Wehunt said he just wants parity among all groups using any of our facilities. "Treat everybody the same."

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

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: June 18, 2019 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.