**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**April 18, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marshall Sayer, Chairman.

Present: Marshall Sayer, Bill Granger, Steve Wehunt, and Jessica Seawright

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Approval of the minutes: Called meeting from February 15 and March 21, 2016, Bill Granger motioned to accept the minutes and Jessica Seawright gave a second. Vote: 4-0

Director Owens informed the Board about adding playground mulch to the playgrounds at the Clay Street Park. Chairman Sayer asked about putting down pour in place rubber flooring on these playgrounds. Director Owens also reported on the SRC facility progress. The Board was concerned with the lack of Curb and Gutter in the parking lot and the run-off from the asphalt. A report was also given on Little League Opening Day.

The Board reviewed the facility rental policy and the cancelation policy for reserving recreation facilities. The Board asked Director Owens to compare cancelation policies from other agencies and report back at the next meeting. The Board recommended increasing the monthly rate to $100.00 per month until the end of the year. This fee increase will go into effect on July 1. On January 1, 2017, the monthly reservation fee is recommended to go to $125.00 per month. Rentals will also have a 4 hour time block on pavilions and community room. A motion was made by Bill Granger and second was given by Jessica Seawright. Vote: 4-0. The Board recommended to increase the fee of the Clay Street Park Community Room from $50.00 to $$75.00 per use with a 4 hour time block. A motion was made by Bill Granger and second was given by Jessica Seawright. Vote: 4-0. The Board agreed to keep the $25.00 rental fee for the Clay Street Park Pavilions the same for now. All pavilions will have a 4 hour time block. The Board asked Director Owens to compare prices with the COE. A motion was made by Marshall Sayer to not rent out the New football/soccer fields. A second was given by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-0. A request will be entertained if the BOE makes a request.

The Board made the following S.P.L.O.S.T. project recommendations for S.P.L.O.S.T. 5.

1. Renovate the Recreation Building at Clay Street $50,000
2. Recreation Community Center with gymnasiums, classrooms, $5,000,000

(Recreation department offices, indoor walking track, gymnasiums, and storage)

1. Purchase the property behind the Catholic Church $200,000
2. Finish the Where We Play playground $300,000
3. Resurface 4 tennis courts and rebuild the other 2 courts $100,000
4. Relight all tennis courts $160,000
5. Relight Clay Street Park ballfields $250,000
6. Clay Street Park Ballfield irrigation $25,000
7. Upgrade the concession stand at the baseball/softball field at the SRC $20,000
8. Bleachers for the Football Soccer Complex $50,000
9. Replace and increase safety netting at SRC baseball fields $10,000
10. At shade over bleachers at all fields at the SRC – $20,000

football/soccer complex and baseball/soccer complex

The Board reviewed the current By-Laws and decided to hold any decisions or changes until the next meeting.

The Board will review the current Long Range Plan Document and update the plan in upcoming meetings.

The Board recommended going with the lowest bidder, Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company, for the Football/Soccer scoreboards. A motion was made by Bill Granger and a second from Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jessica Seawright. A second was provided by Bill Granger. Vote: 4-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP

Recreation Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, Interim County Administrator

Next regular scheduled meeting: May 16, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street HYDRA Room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.