**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 19, 2018**

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

**Present:** Bob Frye, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, and Bill Fogerty.

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

**Guest Present:**  Marshall Sayer, Coach Gillespie, Anthony Lee, and Coach Dickerson

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Bill Fogerty and a second by Erin Gaines to approve the minutes of 1/22/18. Vote: 4-0. A motion was made by Erin Gaines and a second by Bill Fogerty to approve the minutes of 2/19/18. Vote: 4-0.

**Chairman’s Report:** Mr. Frye said he had received a call from Trey Hicks regarding grants. Mr. Frye just wanted to let the Board know about the conversation.

**Board Member’s Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Absent

*Steve Wehunt*: Mr. Wehunt mentioned that the bathroom stalls at the SRC Baseball fields are rusting and look terrible. They need to be replaced. Mr. Wehunt asked Director Owens to get prices on replacing those bathroom stalls. Mrs. Gaines also agreed.

*Bill Fogerty*: Mr. Fogerty wanted to know if usage data at the SRC would be beneficial to justify future expansion. Mr. Fogerty also mentioned adding programs. He mentioned a program at the Library called Tiny Stitches.

*Erin Gaines:* None

*Cecil Marett:* absent

*Jeff Meitz:* None

**Director’s Report:** Director Owens gave a brief report on the facilities and programs. Director Owens mentioned a needed sewer line replacement.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines to change the change our meeting time to the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm to begin in April. Mr. Wehunt gave a second. Vote: 4-0.

**New Business:** Mr. Wehunt asked to table his item on the agenda. Mrs. Gaines asked to have a discussion on the Recreation Department Youth Football program joining the North Georgia Youth Football Association. Mrs. Gaines invited Coach Rance Gillespie, the Hart County High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach to speak on this matter. Coach Gillespie spoke on the benefits of joining this association. He mentioned that travel would be an issue. He mentioned that players will be playing against players of the same age. He mentioned the fee to join this league is $10.00 per player.

Mr. Wehunt mentioned the travel last year with his grandson, who played for the Franklin County program. Commissioner Sayer said the league would look at restructuring to reduce the amount of travel. Mr. Frye asked if we are passed the deadline to get in the program. Coach Gillespie agreed and said we should be able to get in for the 2018 season. Mr. Frye asked about the officials and how they would be paid and assigned. Coach Gillespie said Hart County Recreation Department would be responsible for paying the officials. Mr. Wehunt asked about the amount per official. Coach Gillespie said he thought the amount was $40.00 per official. Director Owens added that the Association requires 4 officials per game.

The meeting adjourned due to a lack of a quorum. Mr. Fogerty had to leave.

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: April 17, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park Community Room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.