**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 18, 2017**

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

**Present:** Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Erin Gaines, and Bill Fogerty. Cecil Marett came in late.

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

**Guest Present:**  Commissioner Marshall Sayer

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Lonnie Robinson and a second by Bill Fogerty to approve the minutes from 8/21/17. Vote: 4-0.

Bill Fogerty made a motion, Erin Gaines gave a second, to change the agenda from Member Reports and move two items to New Business and one item to New Business. VOTE: 3-1 with Lonnie Robinson opposed.

**Chairman’s Report:** Bob Frye: Chairman Frye mentioned that he had received word that Mr. Fogerty had contacted Archway and Anna Strickland without the permission of the Recreation Advisory Board and had set up a meeting with her to discuss something. Director Owens was notified of the meeting by Mr. Fogerty on Monday morning (9/18/2017), the day before the meeting. Chairman Frye informed Mr. Fogerty that he was out of line by going to Archway without the permission or direction of the R.A.B. Chairman Frye also mentioned that in a previous meeting Mr. Wehunt talked to Mr. Fogerty about his communication with outside entities regarding actions to be taken at recreation department facilities before discussing it with the R.A.B. Chairman Frye told Mr. Fogerty he was not to set up meetings or negotiate for the R.A.B.

**Board Member’s Reports:**

*Lonnie Robinson:* Mr. Robinson wanted to know what he could do to volunteer more at the recreation department. Mr. Robinson also wanted to know how we could start the Youth Basketball program earlier. Mr. Robinson also asked about the repair of the steps by the pavilion and tennis courts at the Clay Street Park. Chairman Frye informed Mr. Robinson that the materials are mostly on hand and county employees would be doing the repair as time allowed.

*Bill Fogerty*: None

*Erin Gaines*: None

**Director’s Report:** Director Owensinformed the R.A.B. that an Archway student, who is currently working on updating the statistical data for the Recreation and Parks Department Long Range Master Plan, would like to come and present a paper on the benefits and effects recreation has on Hart County. Director Owens asked the R.A.B. if next month’s meeting could be moved to the 4th Monday (10/23) at 6:00 pm to accommodate this presentation. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to move the meeting to October 23 for next month. Mr. Robinson gave a second. VOTE: 4-0.

Director Owens informed the R.A.B. that Jerry McCann and the Kiwanis Club had made a donation to the Recreation Department for the purchase of an Ice Machine at the Football Concession Stand. This donation is to be earmarked for Recreation Department use.

Cecil Marett joined the meeting

Director Owens recommended the R.A.B. needed to meet to discuss the Recreation Department Long Range Master Plan. The Board discussed some dates to have a meeting to discuss the LRMP and October 21 was decided on by general consensus. The meeting will be held at Mrs. Gaines residence.

Director Owens showed the R.A.B. the final FY 2017/18 budget figures approved by the B.O.C. to the R.A.B.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Mr.Robinson, a second by Mr. Fogerty, to recommend to the B.O.C., the Clay Street Park Facilities Repair Needs List to Terrell Partain and the B.O.C. VOTE: 5-0. Director Owens read the following list to the R.A.B.:

1. New water line on Bailey Street.
2. Recreation Center roof replacement or repair
3. Boy Scout Building Roof Replacement
4. Jimmy Bell Multi-purpose Field Concession roof replacement
5. Jimmy Bell Multi-purpose Field Restroom roof replacement or repair
6. Maintenance Building roof replacement or repair
7. Maintenance Building roll up door replacement
8. Senior League Baseball Field score tower roof repair
9. New steps at the tennis courts
10. Grading by the lower pavilion
11. Replace rusting doors throughout the park

**New Business:** The 2017-18 Youth Basketball Uniform Bid document review. A motion from Mr. Fogerty and a second by Mr. Robinson to recommend this bid document be sent out for bids. VOTE: 5-0.

Mr. Fogerty wanted the Director to investigate the possibility of funding from outside sources through grants, corporations, and other sources.

Mr. Fogerty wanted to know what were the R.A.B.’s plans for the 4th Quarter. Chairman Frye informed Mr. Fogerty that finishing the football season, getting basketball underway, and getting the LRMP updated by the end of the year. Director Owens added the ongoing facilities maintenance and turf management programs.

Chairman Frye mentioned to the members who are up for reappointment need to complete the interest form prior to the deadline, October 30. Bob Frye, Lonnie Robinson, Jessica Seawright, and Cecil Marett (completing Bill Grangers term) are up for reappointment.

Mr. Robinson mentioned the conduct of parents or coaches. He wanted to know where we go from here on discipline for those individuals. Mr. Robinson also wanted to know would others be allowed to rent the New Football/Soccer Fields at the SRC and what would be the cost?

Home Depot: There was a brief discussion. No decision was made.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Robinson. A second was provided by Mrs. Gaines. Vote: 5-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator

Next scheduled meeting: October 23, 2017, 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.