

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
January 20, 2026**

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

Present: Steve Wehunt, Casey Powell, Mason Bowers

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: Roy Dove, Christina Bell

Election of 2026 Officers: Mr. Wehunt made a motion to nominate Mr. Frye for Chairman. Mr. Bowers gave a second. Vote: 3-0, Mr. Frye abstained. Mr. Powell gave a motion to nominate Mr. Robinson as Vice Chairman. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Frye added a Barnes Academy to 10C of the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Bowers gave a second. Vote: 4-0

Approval of minutes: Mr. Wehunt made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bowers gave a second. Vote: 4-0

Invited Guest: Christina Bell, HYDRA Director. Director Bell gave an update on what HYDRA is doing. She wants to have a Color Run at the SRC on a Saturday for this event. The dates are to be determined. Mr. Powell asked about the movie nights that were planned. Ms. Bell said she is trying to reschedule those activities.

Directors Report: Director Owens gave an update on the batting cage cover projects and the timeline for that project. Director Owens also gave updates on other pending projects and ballfield updates. Director Owens also reported on continued vandalism in the parks. Mr. Wehunt mentioned that cameras are needed in the parks to curtail this vandalism. Director Owens informed the Board that an underground field lighting wire on field 3 has been repaired

Chairman's Report: None

Board Member Reports: Mr. Bowers informed the Board about Little League opening day is March 14, 2026.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made to approve the Little League facility use agreement for 2026 by Mr. Powell. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0. Mr. Frye made a motion to Revisit the discussion of a Program/Athletic Coordinator position. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0. Barnes Academy has requested to use the Jimmy Bell Multipurpose Field for their soccer games and practice. A motion to approve was given by Mr. Bowers to charge Barnes Academy what it cost to paint the field for their games. If they use lights they will be charged the same as a light rental. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bowers. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt.

Minutes by James A. Owens, CPRP
Recreation and Parks Director

Next scheduled meeting: February 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Clay Street Park HYDRA meeting room. Meeting time may be changed due to circumstances. Notification will be given as soon as possible in the event of a change.