

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
February 17, 2026**

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, Kay Ankerich, Casey Powell

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: Roy Dove, Christina Bell

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Robinson. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 6-0

Approval of minutes: Minutes from 1-20-2026 were not approved. Mr. Frye wanted to change a motion that he made to say what his intentions were. Mr. Frye asked that the motion say, "The RAB recommends by a unanimous (4-0) vote that a program position be created by the BOC. It was also discussed the creation of a job description."

Directors Report: Director Owens gave no report.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Frye asked to have the meeting minutes at least a week before the next meeting.

Board Member Reports: Mr. Robinson asked about the procedure for selecting All-star coaches and players. Director Owens said he had spoken with Mrs. Ankerich, Mr. Frye, Bent Tucker, and Harry Jackson with their recommendation for the coaches selection. Mrs. Ankerich said she would recommend Jeff Wiley and why she felt that way. Mr. Frye also commented that of the two choices given, he recommended Jeff Wiley. Director Owens said he would like to have in writing a policy of how All-Star coaches and players are selected. Mr. Wehunt asked "What are we going to do with the Clay Street Park?" Mrs. Ankerich asked that the Recreation Department entertain creating a soccer program. Mrs. Ankerich made a motion to recommend to the BOC that we recommend a Soccer program and a Flag Football program for both boys and girls. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines. Mr. Robinson asked that Director Owens would get a cost for these programs and what would be required. Vote: 6-0. Mr. Robinson asked that the batting cage nets at the Clay Street Park be replaced.

Old Business: None

New Business: Director Owens said that the new batting cage nets at the SRC will be \$2,120.00 for two 70 foot batting tubes. This will double the amount of cages available in those batting cages. Director Owens informed the Board that to replace the carpet at the SRC batting cages will be approximately \$28,000+ to remove and replace the carpet in those new and old cages. A motion was made to recommend to the BOC that we bid out the installation and carpet in the new batting cages by Mrs. Gaines. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 6-0.

Public Comment: Guest Roy Dove wanted to know why the programs don't last longer.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. A second was given by Mrs. Gaines.

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

Next scheduled meeting: March 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.