

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

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

Present: Lonnie Robinson, Steve Wehunt, Mason Bowers

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: Hart County Commissioner Jeff Brown, Kannan Richardson, Rusty Thornton, Zach York

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Robinson. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to approve the January and February minutes. A second was given by Mr. Bowers. Vote: 4-0.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Frye discussed use of County property by individuals to make money for profit.

Board Member Reports: Mr. Robinson asked a question about our safety protocol. Does the County have an "After Action Report" for an incident? Mr. Bowers gave a participant registration update about Little League and Open Day. Mr. Bowers made note about the new "Cooking Porch" and that LL donated the awning to cover the porch. LL also paid for the recovering of the two existing awnings over the BB concession stand serving windows. Mr. Bowers also mentioned the partnership between Recreation Department and LL to provide lights for the updated batting cages at the SRC. The County will be paying for the power installation and LL will be paying for the electrical service as well as the monthly bill to provide the electricity to the batting cages.

Directors Report: Director Owens mentioned the LL Opening Day activities and what a huge event and success it was. Director Owens also mentioned that the batting cage project which was bid out had been completed. Director Owens said that the bid document for the new batting cage carpet and installation had been submitted for approval to the County Administrator. Director Owens mentioned the upcoming Fall Sports bids for football, cheerleading, and sports photography. By general consensus, the RAB recommended moving forward with these bids.

Old Business: None

New Business: A brief discussion was had about Fall Sports fees. No action was taken.

Public Comment: A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to purchase 4 new padded "L" screens for the batting cages. A second was given by Mr. Robinson. Vote: 4-0.

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

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

Next scheduled meeting: April 21, 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.