

**Hart County Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
May 19, 2026**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Lonnie Robinson

Present: Steve Wehunt, Kay Ankerich, and Casey Powell

Staff Present: Jim Owens, Recreation Director

Visitor: Rusty Thornton and Daniel Martin

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

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Wehunt to approve April minutes. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 4-0.

Vice Chairman's Report: None

Board Member Reports: Mr. Wehunt asked why does Little League continue to start games for the younger age groups at 8:00 or after? The RAB asked that Director Owens ask the Little League Board to have games at earlier times for the younger age groups. Mr. Powell asked about the status of the batting cages. Director Owens said the nets have been ordered. Mr. Powell asked to have the Clay Street Park fields dragged. Director Owens said yes.

Directors Report: Director Owens made the RAB aware of NGYFA program registration numbers. He also made the RAB aware of the Little League tournament dates.

Old Business: None

New Business: Fall Sports uniform recommendations. A motion was made to go with GO Sports for tackle Football and Flag Football uniforms by Mr. Powell. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made to go with KAREW Sports for the Cheerleading uniforms by Mrs. Ankerich. A second was given by Mr. Powell. Vote: 4-0. KAREW bid \$41.00 for the shell, \$41.00 for the skirt, and \$20 for the poms. KAREW is the local bidder. The RAB asked Director Owens to negotiate a lower price from these vendors.

Youth Tackle Football Coaches:

A motion was made to appoint Chad Martin as the 6U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mr. Powell. A second was given by Mrs. Ankerich. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made to appoint Daniel Mitchell as the 7U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mr. Powell. A second was made by Mr. Ankerich. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made by to appoint David Jones as the 8U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mr. Powell. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made to appoint Justin Temples as the 9U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mr. Powell. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

A motion was made to appoint Justin Berelc as the 10U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mrs. Ankerich. A second Mr. Powell. Vote:4-0.

A motion was made to appoint Daniel Martin as the 11U Tackle Football Head Coach by Mrs. Ankerich. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0. A motion was given by Mr. Powell to say Mr. Wise will have a Assistant Coach on this team if he so chooses. A second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0.

Youth cheerleaders:

6U Head Coach: Kristi Welborne

7U Head Coach: TBD: no applicants at this time

8U Head Coach: Ashley Norris

9U Head Coach: TBD

10U Head Coach: TBD

11U Head Coach: Chesney Sturgill / Ashley Shambry

A motion was given by Mrs. Ankerich to appoint the above as cheer coaches. A second was given by Mr. Powell. Vote: 4-0

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Ankerich 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: June 16, 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.