**Harris County Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Purvis Chapman, Jairo Gay, Heather Hajek, Mark Parsley, Cyndee Redmond, Aaron Wine, Charles Ragsdale

**Others Present:** Becky Langston – Commissioner, John Magazu – Recreation Director, Ashley Marston – Assistant Recreation Director

**Board Members Absent:** Rob Grant – notice provided, Member-at-Large – position vacant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on February 24, 2016 at the Harris County Community Center by Board Vice-Chair, Mark Parsley.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed by the board members. Aaron Wine made a motion to approve the agenda, Heather Hajek seconded and it passed unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 27, 2016 minutes were reviewed by the board members. Aaron Wine made a motion to approve the minutes, Heather Hajek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **GUESTS / SPEAKERS**

None

1. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

None

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

Discussion around coke invoices and income from the sales. Ashley explained how the process works.

1. **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

It’s been a busy month.

* 1. Basketball sending 4 teams to Ga Park and Rec starting Thursday 2/25/16. The tournaments are made up of many teams.
  2. Little League has the following teams this year: 7 ABall, 9 BBall, 11 CBall, 7 TBall, 4 Sr Boys, 1 Sr Girl, 2 Major Girls, 3 Minor Girls, and 3 Coach Pitch Girls. There is a big opening day ceremony planned for Saturday March 12 with a parade and floats, etc.
  3. Soccer starts their season March 12.
  4. Track and Field has begun practice.
  5. Swim team begins April 4 and will host first meet here on June 11.
  6. 7 on 7 flag football will start in May and this is new for all youth age groups and coed.
  7. The community center overall membership seems to have slowed down a little bit. Quarterly membership is growing, however. We raised the guest fee from $5 to $7 but John feels that has hurt the guest numbers. We will be asking the commissioners to approve going back to $5.
  8. The Ellerslie Place event center is in process and located at Hwy 315 & 85. This was land donated to the county for recreation and the house will be used for events. The lake will be open for fishing and there will be walking trails. The Hwy 208 project in Waverly Hall is a joint project between the school system and the rec department. John gave an update on the progress of this site.
  9. Archery program received a grant to purchase equipment and they will begin their program in the empty lot next to rec center. They have begun a registration and will host all age groups.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to add a sentence at the end of the Rec Board bylaws that says, “the interim term shall not exceed 90 days”. Jairo Gay seconded, all voted and the motion passed.
   2. The board agreed to table discussion on next year’s Rec Fest until our next meeting.
   3. Mark Parsley brought up:
      1. the need for more parking at Pate Park near the football field. John Magazu is still researching the amount of land available across from the existing parking lot.
      2. Using the High School field and why the booster club has first rights to the concession stand. Mark will get a letter to Charles Ragsdale and HC School Board to request.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Michael Grant to fill vacant member at large position. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to appoint Michael Grant, Aaron Wine seconded. All voted and motion was approved.
   2. Heather Hajek – requested to understand the recreation board process. Heather brought up that we met 7 times last year and past minutes indicate that we’ve not voted on much so what role does the board serve. Are we hear to support the boards if so then those presidents should be part of this board.
   3. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Aaron Wine seconded. Motion was approved and the meeting ended at 8:55 PM.