**Harris County Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 30, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Cyndee Redmond, Brad Johnson, Thomas Vowell, Steve Felt, Lee Starling, Kristi LaFortune, Morgan Marlowe

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jairo Gay – notice not provided, Troy Lundquist – provided notice

1. **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 30, 2017 at the Harris County Community Center by Board Chair, Rob Grant.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to add the HCLL Finances to the agenda was made by Kristi LaFortune, Brad Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The agenda was updated to add the HCLL Finances under New Business. The agenda was reviewed by the board members. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to approve the agenda, Kristi LaFortune seconded and it passed unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 28, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the board members. Kristi LaFortune made a motion to approve the minutes, Thomas Vowell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Rob Grant has appointed Lee Starling as the interim rep for Waverly Hall for the remainder of 2017 until Waverly Hall can submit a board member name at the beginning of 2018.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Brad Johnson and Steve Felt mentioned that the number of track team members was only 69. The treasurer will review and adjust the amount as needed. Kristi LaFortune made a motion to approve the report, Steve Felt seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

1. **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

John thanked Thomas Vowell and his arrangement of the Houston Relief effort. There has been an overwhelming amount of donations.

Basketball is idle at this time.

Little League will start Fall ball on September 11, 2017 but we do not have final numbers yet.

Soccer season starts on September 9 and practice has begun.

Track & Field is idle now. Brad Johnson mentioned that they were going to try to begin early registration this year and would like to begin conditioning but not having formal practices.

Swimming had registration last night and will have another tomorrow night. The scoreboard is hanging but is not working yet.

Football has 20 teams throughout all communities which is higher than last year. The season begins on September 9, 2017.

Community Center – everything has been doing okay with no major problems to report.

Ellerslie Park has been placed in an idle status but cleaning is in process.

Pickle Ball – there is considerable interest in Harris County. Pickle Ball is like ping pong but standing on a 20x40 court.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. Rec Board annual report to BOC – Cyndee provided a summary of the report and the board reviewed. Kristi LaFortune made a motion to approve the report to be presented to the BOC. Steve Felt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
   2. Pate Football Scoreboard Rental Proposal – The revised Scoreboard Lease Agreement was reviewed by the board. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to send the lease agreement as written to the BOC. Kristi LaFortune seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Recreation Facility/Property Rental Fees – John provided the fee schedule for the facility usage and asked the board to review the fees to determine if the costs are too high. He reported that we lose usage fees due to the high cost for Category D. He reported that LaGrange charges $50 per field. He also reported on Category E that some of the fees are too low for maintaining the fields. John requested input.
   2. HCLL Finances – Discussion was had concerning the losses over the past 2 years for HCLL. Many of the community boards are highly concerned that the funds raised in little league fees are being significantly mismanaged. The at large and community boards are requesting that the rec board ask for 3 years of bank statements from HCLL. Also requested is a called meeting with the Rec Board requesting the presence of all HCLL board members to attend. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.
3. **NEXT MEETING**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ HC Community Center.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Lee Starling made a motion we adjourn, Steve Felt seconded. Rob Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.