**Harris County Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 25, 2017**

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jairo Gay, Brad Johnson, Morgan Marlowe

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

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:02 PM on October 25, 2017 at the Harris County Community Center by Board Chair, Rob Grant.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed by the board members. Kristi LaFortune made a motion to approve the agenda, Steve Felt seconded and it passed unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The September 27, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the board members. Kristi LaFortune made a motion to approve the minutes with the above corrections, Thomas Vowell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**
2. **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Steve Felt made a motion to approve the report, Lee Starling seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

1. **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Basketball: registration has begun and the season is targeted to begin December 18.

HCLL: Little League has increase their board to 25 members. Fall Ball ends Monday. The board has reported that they are taking their financial documents to a CPA for review.

Soccer: season ends November 11. The league has installed a type of all-star team that plays outside teams and this has gone well.

Track & Field: meeting was held to discuss registration to begin in January. Brad offered that the meeting was informal to be proactive toward what the board needs. The board needs a Secretary and a VP and coaches to help. The most critical position is Secretary. Online registration will begin this Sunday and two onsite registrations will be held. Pre-season conditioning will begin in December and will just be once a week.

Swimming: The team has gone to a couple of off season meets. The team continues to grow. The high school swim team has planned two meets to be held at the Rec Center. The scoreboard has been installed and is working.

Football: Regular season ends this Saturday and next Saturday begins the playoffs. The final 4 games will be played at the high school. There will be an all valley tournament with outside leagues. The regular season 7/8 & 9/10 champions will play for Harris County.

Community Center: registration is increased which is related to the growth in Harris County. The swimming pool heater is not working correctly and maintenance has been discussed.

Ellerslie Park: project is on hold

Other: Coca-Cola had a meeting with John and the rep noticed that we haven’t received a rebate check in about two years. She is researching this for Rec Department and we should be receiving this money.

Some board members reported to John that the yellow jackets are very bad at Pate Park. John was not aware of the issue and will take care of it.

John and Becky communicated the Community Center was able to be refinanced and to be covered by SPLOST which will save money in the general fund.

John took a minute to thank all of us and said that he has been blessed to work with so many community members for the past 19 years.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. John explained the facilities fees and the changes that he is recommending. The fees are a little less than other counties charge for their facilities. John is hoping to price as needed to cover our costs and to attract groups to use our fields and facilities. Cyndee made a motion we accept John’s recommendations to take to the Board of Commissioners for approval if required. Thomas seconded motion. All were in favor and motion passed.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. None
4. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00 PM @ HC Community Center.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Rob Grant adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.