



Harris County Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2023

7:00 pm – Harris County Community Center

I. Call to order/Roll Call

- **Attendees:** Luis Cordova; Thomas Vowell; Sonja Williamson; Wade Pirkle; Danny Rabon; Brad Johnson; Sondra Moss; Lee Starling; Rob Grant; Garnett Ray; Ashley Marston; Mike Fuson
- **Guest Speaker:** Bill Bailey
- **New members**
 - Danny Rabon – Hamilton
 - Luis Cordova – At Large

II. Election of Board Members

- **Chairman** – Thomas Vowell
- **Vice President** – Lee Starling
- **Secretary** – Sondra Moss
- **Treasurer** – Sonja Williamson

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 28th, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Lee Starling; 2nd by Sonja Williamson
 - All approved
- b. October (no quorum)

IV. Chairperson's Report

- None

V. Treasurer's Report

- \$21,326.22
- Magazu - \$2,819.00

VI. Recreation Director's Report

1. Little League

- Fall ball ended 10-24-22
- Registration for Spring Season is open until the end of January
- Opening Day – possible March 3rd, 2023

2. Soccer

- The fall season ended on 11-5-22
- Spring season registration is now until January 25th

3. Football

- **Tackle football/Cheerleading**
 - Games ended 10-29-22
 - Tiger Bowl was 11-12-22
 - The cheer showcase was on 11-13-22
 - Elections held in January 2023 – Bill Bailey elected President.
 - Old Carver MS field/need to find/build a new field.

4. Track & Field

- Approx. 29 participants
- Home meeting possible on March 18th at HC High School

5. Basketball

- Regular season underway
- Increase in the number of players from last year
- Games started January 7th through February 13th
- Holding end-of-season tournament
- Entering three teams in GRPA

6. Rec Volleyball

- 40 girls registered – 4 teams
- Games Nov. 1st – Dec. 15th

7. Man O'War

- Phase V Ribbon Cutting November 1st
- Phase VI expected completion is Summer 2023

8. Ellerslie Park

- Restroom construction completed
- Playground bid awarded; Observation bid awarded
- Community Garden and Disc Golf plans on the way

9. Moultrie Park

- Playground bid awarded
- Restrooms in the field house

10. Ag Building

- a. Eagle Scout project – entrance finished
- b. HC Agricultural Master Plan Committee
 - Created to review and update the county's existing master plan
 - Field trips to area/regional arenas completed
 - The Agricultural Master Plan committee presented finding to BOC on 1-17-23

11. Community Center

- Swimming lessons will be offered
- Aqua Aerobic classes started in January
- Art classes for adults, possibly starting in March
- Scuba Diving Lessons beginning in February
- Women's Pickleball Round Robin Tournament March 25th
- Halloween Truck or Treat was 10-27-23
 - Estimated 6000 attendees
 - Looking to move to the Rodeo area/Soccer Complex

12. Rec Department/County News

- **Staff**
 - Openings: Full-time program coordinator; part-time pool tech; part-time rec tech; Part-time community center attendant; lifeguards

VII. Old Business

- **Football Fields (Mike Fuson)**
 - We are still determining if Old Tiger Stadium (Old HCCMS) field will be available for football season. The bathroom and old gym are scheduled to be demolished.
 - Have positive and negative views about Moultrie Park #7 Field
- **HCLL Boundaries (Bill Bailey)**
 - Little League talking about doing without boundaries
 - They also are checking/working on moving boundaries (Pine Mountain)
 - South Gate Road in Pine Mountain has been submitted, but the area belongs to someone/league. Permission must be granted from that boundary owner area to change/release boundaries to benefit Pine Mountain.

VIII. New Business

a. Other?

- Track and Field (Brad Johnson)
 - Talbot County and Meriwether County parents wanted to know if their kids could run with HC teams.
 - Ashley – they cannot register with us but could probably participate because we can't pay for them to attend any meets.
 - Possible hold a Cross Country meet at Ellerslie meet
 - It may not be possible due to being a passive park; It will be checked into it

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

- Motioned by Brad Johnson
- 2nd by Lee Starling
- All approved

NEXT MEETING –February 22nd, 2023