



Harris County Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2024

Harris County Community Center

I. Call to order/Roll Call

- 7:02 pm
- New members
 - Shane Morris – Cataula Rep (not present)
- Attendees: Thomas Vowell; Sondra Moss; Lee Starling; Rob Grant; Luis Cardova; Mike Fuson; Ashley Marston; Garnett Ray; Brad Johnson

II. Election of Board members

- **Chairman**
 - Thomas Vowell
 - Motion to elect by Lee Starling; 2nd by Luis Cardova
 - All approved
- **Vice President**
 - Lee Starling
 - Motion to elect by Brad Johnson; 2nd by Luis Cardova
 - All approved
- **Secretary**
 - Sondra Moss
 - Motion to elect by Brad Johnson; 2nd by Lee Starling
 - All approved
- **Treasurer**
 - Mike Fuson
 - Motion to elect by Lee Starling; 2nd by Sondra Moss
 - All approved

III. Approval of minutes

a. September no quorum

b. October 25th, 2023 Minute Minutes

- Motion to approve by Lee Starling; 2nd by Brad Johnson
- All approved

IV. Chairperson's Report

- Thomas Vowell (chairperson) resigned from the Harris County Soccer Association

V. Treasurer's Report

- \$23,934.84
- Magazu - \$2,970
- Motion to approve by Lee Starling; 2nd by Luis Cardova
- All approved

VI. Recreation Director's Report

- **Basketball**
 - **Regular numbers increased**
 - **44 teams**
 - **Games on Saturdays go from 9 am to 7 pm**

- **Little League**
 - Registration over
 - The season starts March 2nd

- **Soccer**
 - Registration over
 - The season starts March 2nd

- **Track & Field**
 - Registration going on until February 2nd

- **Swimming**
 - Tryouts February 5th, 6th, and 8th
 - Spring season begins February 19th

- **Man O'War Trial**
 - Dealing with pedestrian signs being hit by automobiles

- **Ellerslie Park**
 - Observation Tower is going up
 - Anticipated Ribbon Cutting – February 22nd
 - Disc Golf Course has been laid out
 - Playground fences in

- **Pine Mountain Valley Park**
 - Survey completed
 - Top five wants playground, new bathroom, walking trail, trail/field lighting, and re-do pavilion
 - Schematic Design of park to be completed by the first week of February
 - \$250,000 earmarked for park improvements

- **Community Center**
 - The Dehumidification System replacement complete
 - Looking for a Water Aerobics and Zumba Instructor
 - Need lifeguards

- **Rec Department/County News**
 - Staff
 - New Hires
 - ✓ Part-time pool Technician – Shane Hightower
 - ✓ Park Tech – Jacon Hill
 - ✓ Lifeguards – need M-F, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - ✓

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill Bailey – Rezone boundaries for football
 - Asked to be rescheduled for the next meeting
- b. Cataula/MH boundaries due to increased homes
 - tabled
- c. Lee Starling – 13-year-olds in football
 - Concerned about 13-year-olds playing football against 11-year-olds in a contact sport
 - There is a size difference and can become too aggressive
 - The age group is 11-13; no 13-14 age group
 - We need to start looking at the safety of the kids
- d. Rob Grant
 - Page One will be putting markers in certain areas on the Man-of-War Trail

Adjourn

- 8:15 pm
- Motioned by Lee Starling; 2nd by Luis Cardova; All approved.