



# *Harris County Recreation Board*

## **Meeting Minutes**

May 31, 2023

7:00 pm – Harris County Community Center

- I. Call to order/Roll Call**
  - Start time – 7 pm
  - Attendees: Luis Cordova; Thomas Vowell; Sonja Williamson; Wade Pirkle; Brad Johnson; Sondra Moss; Garnett Ray; Ashley Marston; Mike Fuson
  
- II. Presentation to Scholarship Winners**
  - Recipients - Alexander Hayes; Luke Cason; Kennedi Vowell; Layla Free
  - Mt. Hill presented \$250 to the boys.
  - The football board donated \$250 to the girls.
  
- III. Approval of minutes**
  - a. February 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes (tabled from last meeting)
    - Motion to approve y Sondra Moss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Williamson; all approved.
  - b. April 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes
    - Motion to approve by Sonja Williamson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Johnson; all approved.
  
- IV. Chairperson’s Report**
  - Would like for Rec Board Members to present the award for John Magazu Scholarship
  - Suggestion to make HC Rec Board members more presentable to organizations.
  
- V. Treasurer’s Report**
  - \$26, 858.44
  - Magazu Scholarship - \$2,029
  - Motion to approve by Sondra Moss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wade Pirkle; all approved.
  
- VI. Recreation Director’s Report**
  - **Little League**
    - Preparation for the District 8 Tournament is on the way.
  - **Soccer**
    - Soccer camps scheduled – June 5-8
  - **Football**
    - Flag football season starts Jube 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.
  - **Track & Field**
    - Out of 12 kids, 10 made it to the winner podium.
    - Cross-country starts in July 2023
  - **Basketball**
    - Summer League June 2023
    - Registration June 1<sup>st</sup> – 6-8:30 pm
    - Basketball Camps June 19-22 and July 10-13
  - **Man O’War Trial**
    - Phase VI – Construction still going on.
  - **Ellerslie Park**
    - Playground installation completed.

- **Community Center**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Dehumidification System replacement
  - Yoga Instructor found.
  - Looking for a Water Aerobics and Zumba Instructor
- **Programs**
  - Art Camp – 3 summer sessions full
- **Rec Department/County News**
  - Budget workshops ended May 30, 2023
  - Public Meeting June 6 and June 20 at 6:30 at Courthouse
  - Openings -full-time Park Maintenance Technician and Front Desk Attendant

## VII. Old Business

- None

## VIII. New Business

### a. **Sonja Williamson (flag football and PMYSA)**

- Sonja Williams stated she signed her kid(s) up for flag football. She signed up for Pine Mountain. However, at the last minute, they were told Pine Mountain would not have a flag football team. She was upset because she felt this could have been told ahead of time. She stated Pine Mountain was given extended time, had the boundary lines moved, and stated stating they (PM) had enough players to make teams. But it all changed, as usual. She stated if Pine Mountain knew from their numbers they were not going to have a team(s), it should have been told as soon as they knew it because it's not fair to parents to have to scrounge around and find new places for their kids to play. Especially after the season has already started. She also stated she was lucky to find a team that had not already ordered uniforms.
- She was asking what can be done to stop/prevent Pine Mountain from doing this in the future (last-minute ordeals) since it's not the first time. She asked when was the last time Pine Mountain was able to fulfill any sports except for basketball.
- Sondra Moss stated she had no idea Pine Mountain didn't have teams.
- Moss asked did she talk to anyone else on the PM board (president, VP, etc.) about this issue before she brought it to the Rec board. She (Williamson) stated no because she was told by the commissioner she was getting her money back. Moss stated she could only let the board know.
- Members of the Rec board wanted to know what they could/can do to help Pine Mountain get back on track with the football and whatever else. Ashley stated they did the same thing with Cataula and were able to get their football team going again.
- Ashley, Mike, and Vowell asked when Pine Mountain's next meeting was and stated they would love to come and help us out. They can explain what kind of help they gave Cataula and so on. And they could ask what help Pine Mountain needed to help them get back to where they were.
- Moss told them she would let them know as soon as she found out.

## Adjourn

- 9 pm
- Motion to approve by Sondra Moss
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Williamson
- All approved