



Harris County Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

I. Call to order/Roll Call

- Start time 7:01pm
- Attendees: Ray Garnett; Brad Johnson; Thomas Vowell; Sonja Williamson; Wade Pirkle; Lee Starling; Steve Felt; Sondra Moss; Steve Waskey; Ashley Marston

a. September 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Sonja Williamson
- 2nd by Sondra Moss
- All approved

II. Chairperson's Report

- a. Rec Board Members – term expiring 12/31/21 – reminder to submit letter of intent to continue on Board
 - i. Mike Fuson – At-Large
 - ii. Garnett Ray – School Board Liaison

III. Treasurer's Report

- \$10,597.88
- \$1,015.00 Magazu

IV. Recreation Director's Report

- **Little League**
 - Baseball/softball will finish by Oct. 28th, 2021
- **Soccer Complex**
 - Will be completed by first of November 2021
- **Football/cheerleading**
 - Will be completed in November
 - Tiger Bowl games Nov. 13, 2021
 - Cheer show Nov. 14, 2021
- **Basketball**
 - Sign up until Dec. 3rd, 2021
 - Practices starting Nov. and Dec.
 - Games starting in Jan. 2022
- **Man O'War Trail**
 - Phase 4 almost completed
 - Phase 5 starting plan to the current middle school in Hamilton
- **Ellerslie Park**
 - County road crews and park crews still working
 - Pavilions and maintenance building will be built by Dec.
- **Youth Volleyball**
 - 4 teams with 35 girls in the first season

- **Cross-country**
 - 3 metals in the first GRPA meet
- **Program in place to improve/repair Moultrie and Pate Park**
- **Thomas Vowell**
 - Stated there was an altercation among parents at a soccer game.
 - The aggressor was banned from HC Soccer activities (games and practices)
 - Victim is pressing charges
 - Thomas made motion to prohibit Ms. Amber Johns (aggressor) from all Harris County Rec activities pending outcome of investigation.
 - 2nd by Sondra Moss
 - Question asked on how she will be notified
 - Steve Waskey will send certified letter
 - All approved
- **Trunk of treats October 28th. 5-9pm**
- **Smash Center = Dec. 4th.**
 - \$10 in-county fee
 - \$20 out of county fee
 - Ages 13+
- **Pickle ball Dec. 11.**
- **Family connection**
 - **Will be community event. Breakfast with Santa of final day of toy drive on Dec. 18**

V. OLD Business

- a. **Out of County Residents participating in HC Youth Recreation Programs – continued discussion on feedback from community YSA’s and sports boards**
 - Lee Starling and Steve Felt made suggestion for board to hold off on having any meaningful wording on this issue until the county goes to a county wide system. Also, if kids “slipped through the cracks” and played for the season, let them be grandfathered in. They also could not come up with any terminology that would make sense for them to put on paper and be presented to the commissioners.
 - The county was not following up behind communities to make sure address were being checked. They are now being checked/verified by the rules set in place. HC Rec Center handles the verifications. (Waskey)
 - Steve Waskey does not agree with the grandfathered-in because if you move out the county, your out of the county. OK with allowing out of county residents to participate with a fee.
 - Feels the board needs to make a decision and if commissions want to overstep the decision, it’s their choice to do so. Setting a policy should not interfere with anything commissioners have.
 - Brad Johnson: Mountain Hill be OK with out of county residents as long as everyone is put in a pool and is drafted
 - Ashley Marston: we have the authority (per Nancy, commissioner) to make the decision (yes or no) to allow out of county residents. It becomes a problem if someone challenges it or does something
 - Thomas Vowel made a motion to allow out of county residents to play in Harris County Recreation for a fee.
 - Steve Felt paused the motion to ask if addressing a draft or pool to be distributed
 - Thomas rescinded his motion

- Brad Johnson made motion to allow out of county residents to participate in Harris County Parks and Recreation Department sports and programs, effective January 1, 2022, for an additional fee of \$50.00, and to have in place (by July 1, 2022) a plan to equitably distribute community-based sports participants (Basketball and Football/Cheerleading) and a plan to distribute the additional out of county fees between the County (\$25) and the John Magazu Scholarship Fund (\$25).
 - The motion was seconded by Thomas Vowell and passed with six in favor (S. Moss, S. Williamson, T. Vowell, L. Starling, B. Johnson, S. Felt)
 - one opposed (W. Pirkle)

b. **Background Checks (looking to consolidate with LL and other organizations) – Research on Background Check Companies from Rec Dept. – continued discussion**

- Tabled until January meeting

VI. NEW Business

- a. Other?

Adjourned: 9:01pm

NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER or DECEMBER!

NEXT MEETING – January 26, 2022

****2022 MEETING DATES****

January 26th

February 23rd

March 30th

April 27th

May 25th

June 29th

July 27th

August 31st

September 28th

October 26th