

Harris County Recreation Board

Minutes

April 3, 2019

7:00pm- Harris County Community Center

Attendees : Mike Fuson, Thomas Vowell, Brad Johnson, Joe Valdes, Steve Felt, Rob Grant, Garnett Ray

I. Call to order/Roll Call

- Call to order at 7:07pm by Steve Felt

II. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Mike Fuson
- Seconded by Thomas Vowell
- All approved

III. Approval of Minutes February 27, 2019

- Motion by Thomas Vowell
- Seconded by Mike Fuson
- All Approved

IV. Chairpersons Report

- Steve Felt stated that he really didn't have anything to report
- Brief talk about HYS

V. Treasurer's Report

- \$12,351.41
- Question on how Challenger baseball game was paid, Stephen Waskey stated the funds were paid for through the Little League account
- All Approved

VI. Recreation Directors Report

- Ellerslie Park
 - No plans of opening anytime soon, possibly a year
 - About 1,000 trees down from tornado
 - Stephen stated that they are trying to get a game plan on logging/mulching the trees and debris. Possibility of using some of the mulch for the walking paths
 - Lodge was damaged by the tornado and they expect to get between \$54,000 and \$56,000 in insurance money for repairs
 - Playground did not receive any damage
 - Stephen stated the park will be handled by the road department for now
 - Brief discussion on state using Ellerslie Park to drop debris, and people are bringing all types of items there that are not welcome.
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- **Challenger Game**
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- Stephen stated they had 6 kids play in the game, a good turnout with hopes of getting larger in the future
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- **Moultrie Park**
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- Stated that Recreation Department had a bad deal with a fence company in Columbus. After agreement made, company did not show up and will not call back.
 - Working on getting other bids
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- **Recreation Budget**
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- Stephen began explaining via power point his budget plans, and what he is asking for from the county
 - Soccer to have pavilion torn down and replaced, as wood is rotting, roof is coming off, and bathrooms are bad. Plan is to have a company build a new pavilion with new restrooms and concession stands at a cost of \$75,000
 - Approximately \$300,000 for lights at the soccer complex

- \$100,000 for path and parking lot at soccer complex
- New pavilion at Pate Park at \$20,000 to rent out for parties, etc.
- \$20,000 for picnic tables/grills at soccer complex and Pate Park
- \$60,000 for fencing to be raised at Moultrie Park
- \$6,000 for goals at the soccer complex
- Portable mounds for Pate and Moultrie Parks
- 21' and 15' aluminum benches to replace wood ones at soccer complex/Pate/Moultrie at \$12,000
- Laser level baseball fields @ \$5,000 per field
- Purchase of a John Deere Gator at \$6100
- Purchase of two Exmark Laser Z lawnmowers at \$6400 each to use at all complexes
- Purchase of Kubota BX Tractor with backhoe at \$20,000 to use at all complexes. Usage of moving dirt, repairing irrigation lines, etc.
- Purchase of skid steer with bucket/mulcher at \$40,000. Stated that the county did not own a skid steer and they could use it to clear walking path around soccer complex, amongst other various projects
- Purchase of a groomer for baseball at \$18,000
- \$5,000 for new bleachers at Pate Park
- \$50,000 for bleacher covers to block sun and foul balls
- New scoreboards for baseball with side panels for sponsorship opportunities at \$12,500
- Approximately \$10,000 to have lights at Moultrie Park repaired

- New playground at Community Center
- Much discussion was had on usage of machinery, as well as suggestions made for bids on machinery by local companies.
- Question raised by Joe Valdes of total budget. Stephen replied that his total budget was around 1.5 million dollars
- **Old Business**
 - John Magazu Scholarship fund- Mike Fuson made motion to make a non profit status. Steve Felt seconded, all approved
 - Rec Board Bylaw changes- Thomas Vowell explained that he would request some wording changes to the Recreation Board bylaws, but was not prepared at this meeting. Possibly visit next meeting.
- **New Business**
 - Discussion of Jairo Gays absence. Thomas Vowell stated that Jairo has not been to the last three meetings and that Pine Mountain should find someone else to represent.
 - Mike Fuson explained that the real issue was not that we as a Recreation Board should be concerned with not making quorum, but that Pine Mountain has nobody to represent them
 - Stephen Waskey had concerns with Pine Mountain because they are having trouble making quorum for their own board.
 - Much discussion was had about the right approach, and who to try and contact
 - Ashley to write a letter to Pine Mountain explaining that they would need to find a new representative
 - Brad Johnson gave an update with a track and field event that had a successful turnout of around 300 participants.

- Brief discussion on placement of discus/shock put and the unavailability of putting in at football field because of concrete
- Invite by Rob Grant Soccer senior night at the High School on Friday the 12th.
- Brief discussion on a REC night at one of the high school soccer games

Meeting Adjourned

- 9:40pm
- Motion by Mike Fuson
- Seconded by Steve Felt
- All Approved