



Harris County Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2018

- Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Thomas Vowell, Steve Felt, Sondra Moss, Brad Johnson, Lee Starling, Garnett Ray
- Others Present:** Stephen Waskey– Recreation Director, Ashley Marston – Assistant Recreation Director
- Board Members Absent:** Becky Langston (BOC Rep) – *campaign work*; Jairo Gay – *work related conference*, Jeff Allen – *sent em that he could not make the meeting*

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 25, 2018 at the Harris County Community Center by Chair, R. Grant.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

T. Vowell moved to approve the agenda, S. Moss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 11, 2018 minutes: S. Felt moved to approve, T. Vowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

R. Grant reported on success of HCY Track & Field Meet held at HCHS on April 12th

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. S. Felt moved to approve, T. Vowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Soccer:** Championship Games being held May 12<sup>th</sup>; Columbus Lions Fundraiser also on May 12<sup>th</sup> with 50% of proceeds benefiting HCYS

**Track & Field:** B. Johnson updated Board – HCYT&F hosted a meet on Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup> at HCHS; 270 participated; the running long jump presented the biggest challenge with 100 kids and only 1 pit, need for 2 pits esp if we host a State meet.; B. Johnson brought up the question of possible storage for T&F – need a place to store equipment, etc.; GRPA District Meet is scheduled for this coming weekend April 28<sup>th</sup> in Carrollton, State Meet will be held the following weekend (May 5<sup>th</sup>) in Commerce, GA; B. Johnson & S. Felt are looking into creating an adult component to HCYT&F with possibility of running 5K, 10K, etc. for adults

**Football:** Flag Football about to start up

**CC:** Have been interviewing for the last week and a half for Full-Time Park Tech, Part-Time Front Desk (2 positions) and 2 lifeguards

**HCLL:** wraps up May 12<sup>th</sup>, then Magazu Tournament to follow approximately starting May 12-14

**Ellerslie Park:** Timeline (5-year plan) and concept plan approved by BOC; DOT requiring a decel lane; hope to have park open by late 2018/early 2019; tore down 9 beaver dams; adding back in a Police Substation on North end of park; walking trail going around park (8-10 ft wide)

**Archery:** talked with Archery group about becoming a recognized sport under HC Recreation Dept.; practice on land to the side of the community center; mostly dealing with youth; looking to also include adults

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **John Magazu Scholarship Fund:** Chair, R. Grant formed a committee to handle the formation/business of of the JMSF:

Chair – S. Felt

Members: *(R. Grant recommended J. Gay and J. Allen to serve as committee members)*

R. Grant announced HCHS Volleyball plans to donate \$ to the JMSF

- b. **Naming of Pate Park Entrance (in honor of John Magazu):** sign has been placed at the entrance to Pate Park “John Magazu Circle”

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Other:

- i. Relay for Life – being held Friday night, 4/27 at Mike Tracy arena
- ii. HCHS Volleyball Pancake Fundraiser – Sat. 4/28 at 8:00 at Chili's
- iii. Outdoor Facility Rental Rates:
  1. Interest in travel ball tournaments and practices
  2. Concessions – HCLL to run as a fundraiser; if not, then Rec Dept would charge \$50/day to outside vendor to run concessions
  3. HCLL has use of our fields – we don't charge them for use of fields currently
  4. Want to look at updating to match what is being charged locally
    - a. Troup Co. - \$130/field; \$200/dep
    - b. Columbus - \$100/field; no info on lights \$10 to \$15/hour for Rec Dept staff
    - c. Valley - \$130/field includes lights
    - d. Carrollton - \$520/day for four (4) fields
    - e. HC - \$130/field per day
  5. Discussion by Board:
    - a. Use of Rec Fields by Travel Ball teams/tournaments: Current fee schedule shows that HC charges \$160-\$180/day for use of fields; Jerry Alexander paid \$130 for use of one field all day on 4/14/18 for softball travel ball tournament
    - b. Concerns: How to enforce? Teams using fields without permission or paying for use of fields
    - c. Possible Suggestions: If a team has 90% of kids in HCLL program, then there would be no charge to team to use Rec Facilities; Middle School baseball and softball teams would use Rec Fields at no charge

d. Recommendation by HC Rec Board: Use of Fields/Concessions for tournaments:

- i. Concessions to be run by HCLL and communities or sports boards, or County Rec Dept.
- ii. \$130/field/day
- iii. If a team has 90% HCLL players on a team, that team does not pay

b. Introduction of BOE Representative – Garnett Ray – Chair, R. Grant introduced the Board’s newest member, Garnett Ray, Board of Education representative taking over Morgan Marlowe’s term

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

T. Vowell moved to adjourn the meeting; L. Starling seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

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R. Grant, Chair

Attest:

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A. Marston, Assistant Director

Harris County Recreation Department