

Harris County Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Thomas Vowell, Steve Felt, Brad Johnson, Lee Starling, Jairo Gay

**Others Present:** Stephen Waskey– Recreation Director

**Board Members Absent:** Becky Langston (BOC Rep), Jeff Allen – *sent in that he could not make the meeting*, & Garnett Ray (School Board Rep)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:11 PM on July 25, 2018 at the Harris County Community Center by Chair, R. Grant.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

L. Starling moved to approve the agenda, T. Vowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 27, 2018 minutes:

Discussion: S. Waskey Noted that in section VI.b of the minutes, delivery of the playground was to Pate Park, not Ellerslie Park; S. Waskey also noted that the Ellerslie grant was approved for 60K.

S. Felt moved to approve as amended, B. Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

R. Grant reported on how glad he was that the let HCCHS volley ball team could practice at the recreation center because the courts were not ready at the high school. R. Grant also noted that the "back to school bash" was the next morning and to tell everyone to come on out.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was given by R. Grant in Ashley's absence.

R. Grant noted that Mountain Hill still owes players fees. B. Johnson said that he wil speak with Dan Alexis regarding payment. S. Waskey noted that Little League sent a check, however it was for the incorrect amount.

S. Felt moved to approve, L. Starling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Pate Park:** The playground is complete. There needs to be a barrier put around the playground. The tennis courts were supposed to be complete however the contractor forgot to add the junior lines to the courts. The contractor will get paid once they come back and add the lines.

**Soccer:**

S. Waskey stated that the soccer complex pavilion power line was cut or damaged. The existing line was excavated and replaced with a new line that was cased in conduit. The old line was buried in the ground without conduit to protect it from damage.

**Track & Field:** B. Johnson asked if he could get some signage, plaque or pictures to honor the track team achievements at the state meet.

**Football:** S. Waskey - Registration is still going. Mountain Hill will not be able to practice at Pate field next week because the fields are being treated

**HCLL:** Everything went well at the state tournament until the championship game. During the championship game between Martin Evans and Hart County, at the second inning, two players ran into each other and started fighting. The benches cleared, and parents came onto the field in an uproar. The crew chief ejected the two players and then put the completion of the game on hold until the next day without any spectators. Martin Evans won the game.

The major girls won the state competition and are playing in Warner Robins on July 26 against Tennessee.

S. Waskey – Plan on doing something like a sign to honor the girls at Pate Park. Any signage is not in the budget right now, but he will work on figuring something out.

R. Grant – There may be signs in the attic at Moultrie Park

S. Waskey – Said he will check.

**Ellerslie Park:** S. Waskey - The bid to construct the road will go out soon. The plan is to have everything done and open by November 1, 2018. The Harris County road crew and prison crew are cutting and cleaning up the road beds, walking trails and around the buildings.

**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:** S. Waskey – We need to figure out a way to disperse fund for scholarships to the kids who need assistance. There is a scholarship form that has been created, modeled after one from a different park system, and Hamilton Youth Sports Association is currently using it. The purpose of this form is to provide documentation for 503c records of financial transactions covering the uniforms and registration of kids who need the assistance.  
T. Vowell – Asked what this is used for and why do we need to understand the circumstances of the families in need.  
R. Grant – This is a way to provider documentation to show that the Youth Sports Associations gave the money for these scholarships rather than just pocketing the money.
- b. **Soccer Board Bylaws:** R. Grant noted that he will be attending the soccer meeting that will discuss the by-laws. T. Vowell noted that the soccer board is working on the by-laws and will have something to go from for that meeting.
- c. **Rec Board Bylaw changes:** R. Grant – All Youth Sports Association members need to get their background checks completed. This also needs to be added into the rec board bylaws that this is a requirement of the YSA bylaws.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Bylaw review – Archery:**
  - i. R. Grant – The archery bylaws need to change to not allow members from outside of Harris County.
  - ii. S. Waskey – He has submitted for a 4K grant to provide equipment to help with program startup. He is also trying to get with 4H to work with the archery board with their fall, spring and summer leagues. He would like for the two archery programs to merge so that the archery shooting can be conducted next to the recreation center rather than next to the soccer fields where there are many people that could get in harms way.

- iii. R. Grant – Any questions or additions that need to be added to the archery bylaws need to be emailed to Ashley.

**b. Donation for HCLL Major Girls All-Star Team:**

- i. R. Grant – In the past the recreation board has given \$100 to teams who are travelling but are staying closer to home. We are looking for a motion to approve a certain amount of money to support the team.
- ii. L. Starling – The game will be on CNN.
- iii. L. Starling made the motion to approving donating \$100 to the Girls All-Star Team; J. Gay second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**c. Other?**

- i. **Swim Team:** S. Waskey – The Swim team had a meet on July 7<sup>th</sup>. There was an allegation of a parent making sexual advances toward one of the older Harris County swim contestants. Everything has been turned over to the Sheriffs Department for investigation. Recreation Center notified the County attorney.
  - 1. L. Starling made a motion to look at scheduling a special meeting to discuss the Code of Conduct violation by that parent and his accuser. J. Gay second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

S. Felt moved to adjourn the meeting; L. Starling seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

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R. Grant, Chair

Attest:

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Stephen Waskey, Director

Harris County Recreation Department