



Harris County Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

I. Call to order/Roll Call

- Start time 7:06pm
- Attendees – Thomas Vowell; Sonja Williamson; Ray Garnett; Lee Starling; Ashley Marston; Sondra Moss; Mike Fuson; Steve Felt; Wade Pirkle; Brad Johnson; Rob Grant
- Guest Speakers – TC Maddox; Coach Fox (Pine Mountain Board President); Troy Terry

II. Approval of minutes

- a. July 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Sonja Williamson; 2nd by Wade Pirkle
 - All approved

III. Chairperson's Report

- None

IV. Treasurer's Report

- \$17,769.16
- Motion to approve by Steve Felt; 2nd by Sonja Williamson
- All approved

V. Recreation Director's Report

- **Little League**
 - 67 registrations
 - Fall ball started 9/12/22. Ends 10-24-22
 - Games at Moultrie and Pate
- **Soccer**
 - Teams – 6U; 8U; 10U; 12U; RIAS 14U; Select – 2 11U (1 girl/1boy)
 - Fall soccer started 9-12-22
- **Football**
 - Tackle football (325 registrations)and cheerleading (122 Registrations)
 - Jamboree 9-17-22
 - Start games 9-20-22; Ends 10-29-22
 - Tiger bowl – 11-12-22
 - Cheer Showcase – 11-13-22
 - All-Valley Invitational Tournament – Nov. 19-20, 2022
- **Track & Field**
 - Cross-Country
- **Rec Volleyball**
 - 22 currently registered
 - Games start Nov. 1 – Dec. 17th
- **Man O'War Trail**
 - Phase V completed
 - Phase VI – expected completion Fall 2022

- **Ellerslie Park**
 - Lodge/Pavilion rentals continue to grow
 - Construction for new restrooms/Pavilion
 - Playground bid awarded
 - Observation Tower project approved
 - South Trail/Trail Head mapped out
- **Moultrie Park**
 - Playground bid awarded
- **Field Maintenance Update**
 - Fertilizer/Lime put out at Pate/Moultrie/ Soccer
- **Ag Building**
 - Eagle Scour Project -Ben Oliver - entrance gate, information kiosk and directional signage
 - Rodeo was successful
 - HC Agricultural Master Plan Committee was created to review and update existing Agricultural Complex Master Plan
- **Community Center**
 - Swimming lessons offered in Oct/Nov/Dec
 - Fall Volleyball Skills Clinic was Sept. 20-22
 - Halloween Trunk or Treats – Oct. 27 from 5-8pm
 - Community Center will close at 1pm
 - Library looking for sponsorship for inflatable events. Welcoming YSA/Sports Boards/ And Rec Board
- **Rec Department/County News**
 - Staff
 - Hired Park Tech and Part Time Pool Tech
 - Have opening for Full-Time Program Coordinator; Park Time Rec Tech; Lifeguards; Public Works Director

VI. OLD Business

- None

VII. NEW Business

a. Recreation Boundaries – TC Maddox

- TC Maddox stated he wants to rebuild Pine Mountain’s program. He wants to move the boundaries two miles or more to get the players Pine Mountain need. He thought this was a commissioner's meeting. He will attend that meeting to discuss the boundary issues.

b. PMYSA

- Bill Bailey stated Pine Mountain commissioner was given an extra 31 days to get all paperwork in, but he failed to do so. A lot of the affidavits and paperwork was incomplete.
- The laws were discussed about how players must live in the Harris County (HC) boundaries and have HC addresses to play in HC. This is governed by the HC Commissioners' rules. If they do not have HC addresses, they must be within the boundaries covered by Little League. South Gate Road is not. Most of Pine Mountain’s 5/6 players were outside of Little League Boundaries, therefore, ineligible to play.
- The HC Rec Board did bring the boundaries issues to the Commissioners; however, they were denied changes.
- Coach Fox stated how Pine Mountain agreed to release players, but only for the football season. This was written on the form, but it just made the form invalid. Players who are released will be released for lifetime. He stated Bill Bailey said the commissioners were going to allow Pine Mountain players to play, but that did not happen. The confusion was with the rules. Pine Mountain thought they had players that were eligible due to old boundary laws, but there are now new boundary laws saying they are ineligible. Coach Fox stated he's not denying Pine Mountain did a bad job on their paperwork and the ball was dropped. He wants the age 5/6 football group to play because they have been practicing for weeks. Scrimmage games with any teams would be fine, Harris County or no Harris County. It was stated they can scrimmage against other teams, but not on Harris County property. TC stated he has been contacting other coaches.
- Troy Terry stated he coached in Pine Mountain for over 20 years. He stated his major concern was about what is going to happen next year. He stated during his coaching time, most of the players came

from the area now considered out of boundary. Pine Mountain has a hard enough time getting enough players within the boundaries. He fought the same battle on boundaries.

- Lee Starling stated a group session with Pine Mountain needs to happen to discuss what needs to be done ahead of next year's session. Ashley stated it must go to the Board of Commissioners.
- Lee Starling stated Pine Mountain's representative (Sondra Moss) needs to bring information to the Rec Board from Pine Mountain stating what Pine Mountain needs before next season (who they need to talk to, what they need to happen, etc.). It will take a few months to get everything settled, but the information needs to be in ASAP.
- A contact number was given to Coach Fox on who to call and discuss how Pine Mountain would like to extend the boundaries in Pine Mountain. Must explain where and why.

c. Food Truck at Ellerslie Park

- There was a request from county manager to get food trucks to provide food service at Ellerslie Park. The Rec Board has to give permission to operate.
- Steve Felt made a motion to allow the food trucks at Ellerslie Park; 2nd by Sondra Moss
- All approved

d. Other?

- Sondra Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- 2nd by Brad Johnson
- All approved
- 9:01pm

NEXT MEETING – October 26, 2022