

CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 7, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:02 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Alpha Benefield, Lester Hamilton, Josh Popham, Benji Huling, Recreation Director Joel Shivar and Board Secretary Becky Harden and visitors recorded hereafter. County Administrator Hampton Raulerson was absent.
2. Invocation was led by Lester Hamilton. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesse Crews.
3. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Lester Hamilton to approve minutes for October 2021 - February 2022; second by Josh Popham. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – Board Secretary Becky Harden reviewed financial reports for the Board.
5. Actions Items/FYI
 - a. District Basketball complete; Overall basketball season went well; everyone was pleased with the gym and how nice it is; the jerseys were an issue as they were never received from Baker Sports. Alpha Benefield entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.
 - b. Baseball Registration – over 300 registered so far, 117 used online registration; teams will be picked on March 8 at 6pm
 - c. Scoreboards – 2 new scoreboards from Coca Cola are being installed
 - d. Field 8 lights – OREMC is installing 2 poles, lights and bull horns will be mounted to them; wiring will need to be done at a cost of approximately \$6-7 thousand. Cogburn Electric is repairing lights at Deuce Lloyd
 - e. Field preparation – new bases are down at all parks; netting going up around 3/26/2022. Opening Day is the week after Spring Break.
 - f. Grant/New Facilities – need a plan; committee to assess needs (5-7 members); build new complex, leave Deuce Lloyd for practice only; acquire land for site, 15 or more acres; may need additional employees. Allen Nelson was present to give ideas and would serve on planning committee.
 - g. Damage to Parks – gate/fence damage at Chatman/Mobley, someone drove car through fence, damage is estimated to be \$2000, claim has been filed with driver's insurance; Basketball goal shot out at Ann Street Park, backboard has been taken down.
 - h. Uniforms for Baseball – 3 quotes were presented to Board, Board was in favor of County supplying jersey and hat for those registered; parents to supply pants, belt and cleats.
6. Citizen/Board Member Comments – Update was given on Traders Hill – electrical and septic work has begun and should be completed no later than the end of March, probably before. Gloria Chambers from Recreation Department was present to discuss with the Board the idea of sponsorship signs/banners to be purchased and hung at parks. Business would pay a renewal fee each year if they wish to continue the sponsorship.
7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn – Alphyia Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary