

CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 1, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:03 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Alpha Benefield, Josh Popham, Lester Hamilton, Recreation Director Joel Shivar, Board Secretary Becky Harden, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson and visitors recorded hereafter. Benji Huling was absent.
2. Invocation was led by Alpha Benefield and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesse Crews.
3. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Josh Popham to approve minutes for March 2023; second by Alpha Benefield. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – Board Secretary Becky Harden reviewed financial reports for the Board. Josh Popham made motion to accept financial report as given; second by Alpha Benefield. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
5. Actions Items/FYI
 - A. Youth baseball/softball/t-ball – 330 registered – 1/3 of those registered are for t-ball; 2 teams in St. George
 - B. Maintenance Department installed lights in score booths after a complaint that it was hard to see scoreboard
 - C. Lights out at Deuce Lloyd and St. George Parks – has quote from Charlton Electric, waiting on quote from Musco Lighting
 - D. Director would like to put in a bid to host District Baseball in June – possibly 8u and 10u baseball and softball – if awarded, Chairman Crews suggested to only use the fields in Folkston, not St. George because of travel
 - E. Youth Golf practice to begin, ages 8-18; Doug McAllister to coach
 - F. Playground border/barrier has been ordered and will be paid from Recreation Service Fund
 - G. Gym doors/locks – Fire Chief inspected gym – door was chained, no locks; doors need to have locks/panic bars. Quote from Collins Lock was presented to Board and Director is awaiting quotes from two other companies. Doors need to be 30” wide and wheel chair ramps are also needed
 - H. Co-ed Softball – Corey Murrell and Jim Petty were present to speak about why softball was cancelled. Board of Commissioners discussed at the April 18, 2023 meeting and did not have an issue with allowing it if issues with alcohol were addressed. Board of Commissioners referred back to the Recreation Board for the review and recommendation. After much discussion a motion was made by Alpha Benefield to allow Co-ed Softball; second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion approved unanimously. Chairman Crews asked Corey Murrell and Jim Petty to pass the word to anyone who participates that alcohol will not be tolerated. Jim Petty suggested that a team meeting be held with all teams participating to go over rules. Chairman Crews agreed and stated he would attend team meeting.
6. Citizen/Board Member Comments –County Administrator Hampton Raulerson informed the Board that Wade Skipper is getting a survey of a piece of land that will potentially be donated at the Camp Pinckney Boat Ramp. In exchange for the donation Mr. Skipper would like the County to put up a fence and maintain a small fire break.

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 12, 2023 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn – Alphya Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary