

CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 4, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:05 p.m. Board members present were Jesse Crews, Alpha Benefield, Lester Hamilton, Recreation Director Joel Shivar, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson, Clerk Becky Harden, and visitors recorded hereafter. Josh Popham and Benji Huling were absent.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alpha Benefield.
3. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Lester Hamilton to approve minutes for December 2023; second by Alpha Benefield. Board voted; motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – Alpha Benefield made motion to accept financial report as given; second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted; motion approved unanimously.
5. Actions Items/FYI
 - A list of all children registered for baseball/softball/T-ball was given to the Board.
 - A. Musco Lighting – estimate of \$24,000, will go before the Board of Commissioners for approval at their next meeting on March 7.
 - B. Basketball season went well. There are bats in the Recreation Gym. Reliant Pest Control has been contacted. Approval has been received from the Principal of Bethune Middle School to use their gym in the future for basketball practices.
 - C. District Basketball – District play was held in Folkston with 19 teams participating. Charlton County 8u boys were the District Champs and advanced to State.
 - D. Charlton 8u boys lost a close game to Temple, 42-38, and were declared the State Runner-up. Congratulations!
 - E. Teams will be chosen on March 5 for baseball/softball.
 - F. Baseball season will begin play after Spring Break
 - G. Track practice started with 38 registered.
 - H. Road Superintendent Ronnie Pollock and his staff are working on the soccer fields to harrow, level and reseed.
 - I. Football signups to begin April 1 to gauge how much equipment will be needed.
 - J. Pickleball Courts are still a work in progress. There will be 6 total courts and will be located on old tennis courts.
 - K. Several trees at St. George Ballpark will be removed by Wayne Snowden from the County Road Department and other trees will be trimmed.
6. Citizen/Board Member Comments:

Chairman Crews asked that the security lights at St. George Park be updated and need to be brighter.

County Administrator Hampton Raulerson informed the Board he is working on the potential appropriations funding for the Deuce Lloyd Complex with Emmitt Noland, aide to Congressman Carter and Adrian Rivers, aide to Senator Warnock.

Alpha Benefield asked about extending fencing at Chatman Mobley Park after the acquisition of the Mungin property is completed. She also asked that the park be kept cleaner, trash be picked up on a more regular basis, fields drug and grass kept mowed and she wants more positive

activity at the park. Chairman Crews agreed and stated this would go a long way in helping to get past the stigma of the area.

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn Alpha Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary