

CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 2, 2020

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:02 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Raymond Roberts, Lester Hamilton, Joel Shivar, Josh Popham, Board Secretary Becky Harden and County Administrator Hampton Raulerson.

Chairman Crews welcomed new board members Joel Shivar and Josh Popham.

2. Invocation and Pledge was led by Raymond Roberts.
3. Approval of Minutes – 1/6/2020, 1/27/2020, 1/30/2020
Motion was made by Lester Hamilton to approve the minutes. Second by Josh Popham. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Report – January 2020 - Presented to the Board for information only.
5. Actions Items/FYI - 10U Girls won District Basketball Tournament and will be going to the State Tournament in Bacon County.
 - a. Facilities – Painting at ballfields being completed. 28 lights are out, bids are out to replace; no lights on football practice field, well is not working, quotes being obtained.
 - b. Scoreboard – one is not working, needs new wiring, waiting on quotes.
 - c. Baseball Equipment – needs to be ordered ASAP
 - d. Uniforms – for baseball – being handled by the County Administrator – will have to be bid out due to the cost – we have samples that the teams can use for sizing – cost is \$30 per uniform
 - e. Staff – the Department is down one employee, ad is in newspaper for a part time employee and possibility of having another part time employee plus one temporary employee during the summer
 - f. Tractor – is having issues and is not repairable, will get with Road Department about using the one they have
 - g. Baseball Teams – Working on setting teams and schedule with possibility of playing some games against Brantley and Pierce. Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 7. This is also the last day to sign up. Coaches will be notified by Recreation Director about times to pick teams. The baseball season will tentatively open on Monday, April 13 with the official opening day festivities on Saturday, April 18. Joel Shivar contacted the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp about coming to Opening Day on April 18. The cost would be \$75 per hour. Chairman Jesse Crews volunteered to pay for up to 3 hours and the remaining Board members would help with any additional cost over that.

6. Citizen/Board Member Comments – County Administrator Hampton Raulerson spoke with the Board about developing a long-term plan (5-10-year goal). We will hold 2 public meetings, one on March 24 and the other on March 26, to allow the citizens of the county to come and voice their concerns/ideas/plan of what they would like to see concerning the Recreation program. Topics to be considered would be weaknesses, opportunities, programs offered, concession, and facilities.

Recreation Director Larry Allen informed the Board of the poor condition of the office.

Sponsorships for the program were discussed.

Josh Popham stated he feels we need to continue to charge admission fees for the sports. He also noted the need for a new air compressor, tractor and front- end loader when funds are available.,

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn – Josh Popham made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:03 p.m. Seconded by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary