

CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 5, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:02 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Alpha Benefield, Josh Popham, Joel Shivar, Board Secretary Becky Harden, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson and Recreation Director Larry Allen. Lester Hamilton was absent.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jesse Crews.
3. Approval of Minutes – 3/1/2021- Motion was made by Josh Popham to approve the minutes with corrections to 5d. Second by Joel Shivar. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – March 2021 financials were presented to the Board. Josh Popham made motion to accept the report; second by Alpha Benefield. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
5. Actions Items/FYI – Recreation Director Larry Allen informed the Board that beginning on 4/6/2021 his staff will start weekly cleanup at St. George and Chatman-Mobley fields. Charles Keene was awarded the contract for the spraying and will do that monthly for all ball fields.

Opening Day for Baseball is this Saturday, 4/10/2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The first pitch will be thrown out at 10:00 a.m.

6. Citizen/Board Member Comments –

Bryce Kidd – asked to be on agenda but did not attend meeting.

Alpha Benefield asked that the name of the newly renovated gym stay as Mary McLeod Bethune Gym. Chairman Crews stated there have been no discussions to change the name.

County Administrator Hampton Raulerson informed the Board that he has received the design for the Traders Hill septic project but he is waiting on the permit from the Health Department. He also reported that the new lawn mower has been purchased and new foul ball nets are ordered and will be installed on fields 1 and 3.

There was also discussion about a possible “fake fence” to move the home run boundary for the younger teams.

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn – Joel Shivar made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:27 p.m. Seconded by Alpha Benefield. Board voted, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary