

# COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

## MINUTES

January 11, 2022

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – January 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>PARKS Staff Present:</b>
Bill Carver	Nathan Wade	Michael Brantley
Jill Flamm	Keylan Mitchell	Shelly Norton
John Pape		Melanie Johnson
Elliott Hennington		Barbara Savage
Wynn McCurdy		Derrell Walker
Tina Clark		Jordan Wood
Michael Edwards		Mario Henson
		Russell Small
		Emily Bach
<b>Guest:</b>		
Drew Squires		
Steve Newton		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Carver called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. INVOCATION

Bill Carver opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Did not hold a Pledge due to not having a flag.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF November 9, 2021 MINUTES

MOTION: Motion by Elliott Hennington and seconded by Jill Flamm to approve the November 9, 2021 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.

VOTE: APPROVED 7-0; Nathan Wade and Keylan Mitchell absent.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting had two Guests attend the meeting, Steve Newton and Drew Squires. Mr. Newton joined the meeting to discuss the Aquatic Centers limited capacity restrictions that were put into place once the Chairwoman signed the Declaration of Emergency. Mr. Squires joined the meeting because he is working towards obtaining his Citizen Community Merit Badge – Star Rank with the Boy Scouts Troup 2319.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Bill Carver introduced our newest Board Member, Michael Edwards, to the board. Mr. Edwards was appointed by Commissioner Gambrill to replace Bill Jones.

VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board decided to proceed with appointing Wynn McCurdy to the Chair position of the Board.

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**MOTION:** Motion by Bill Carver to appoint Wynn McCurdy as Chair of the Recreation Board for the year 2022.

**VOTE:** APPROVED 7-0; Nathan Wade and Keylan Mitchell absent

The Board will discuss at the next Recreation Board meeting in February to nominate the Vice Chair position.

### VIII. SPLOST UPDATES

Barbara Savage

- Lions Park Concession – Trusses and breezeway have been installed; Contractors are saying they will be done in a week, so we are hopeful that it will be only 3 to 4 weeks more until this project is wrapped up.
- Old Clarkdale – Building slabs have been poured, masonry wall brick has been installed; the detention ponds and storm drains are in and functioning great; PARKS has planted about half of the trees so far. On track to finish end March or April.
- Nesbitt Union Chapel – Trees have been cleared and you can now see the wall from the street; the wall has been braced; steel has been approved and is being fabricated; installing the steel first part of February and hope to complete in March.
- Terrell Mill Park – Synthetic Turf Fields – Started work last week; silt fence and construction entrance has been installed; currently dismantling the dugouts and the fences; anticipating completion first part of June.
- Miller Arena – Installed all new lighting; bleachers will be replaced on the East Side of the Arena; Will not be replacing the North Side bleachers; new bid on the bleachers will go before the BOC on January 25<sup>th</sup>; the bleachers will not be installed until after the Circus sometime in June or July.

**Bill** – Any word that this new vaccination site at Jim R. Miller Park is going to stop any movement with the project or were we already at a stopping point?

**Barbara** – We were already at a stopping point with the project already, but the testing site is not in the Arena.

- Fullers Park Stream Bank Restoration – We got an emergency permit to fix the banks that were damaged by the flooding but are going back to get it re-permitted for the Flex-a-mat installation. Once the new permit gets approved, we will go before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Flex-a-mat will be installed at both East Cobb and Fullers Park.
- Mable House Signage Package – Renegotiated with the vendor on the pricing and will be installing the big LED entrance sign at corner of Merit and Floyd Rd. entrance signs by the Art Center, and some directional signs once you enter the complex.
- Stout Park – Cleared all permitting areas and are waiting on the permit. Hope to put out to bid in a month or so to move forward with the project.
- Fair Oaks Storm Sewer Replacement – Were able to get all drawings permitted and will be doing a seal bid on this project within the next month.
- Osborne Recreation Center – First stage is a public input using a survey, town hall, etc. RFP for designer will start to advertise this Friday and will receive bids on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Elliott** – We don't own the property, are we waiting to go to the closing table?

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**Michael** – We already have a contract in place. We are waiting on the due diligence on the property. We must perform phase 1 on the property: Environmental, Title, etc. We have a 120-day process which should be completed by end of March early April. Then we will have the closing date.

- SPLOST Projects – Now every new large project will have signs on the front of the property showing the plans so that the citizens can see their SPLOST dollars at work. This is also very informative to the citizens and shows them what we are building. We will also go back and install smaller signage and/or window stickers at previous SPLOST projects that have been completed.

### IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mario Henson

Aquatics/Gymnastics

- We have completed the reconstruction of the Gymnastic Center from the flooding damage back in November. Now, just ordering equipment and trying to get it furnished again. Completion target date is May/June due to shipment of items.

Arts/Special Events:

- Jennie T. Anderson was recognized by Broadway World Atlanta and won all of the 16 categories in which they were nominated.

Recreation

- Planning for Spring and Summer programs, Egg Hunt, Summer Camp, and Movie series.
- Adult Leagues – Basketball is winding down. Championships will be the middle of this month. Flag Football will be starting, and we have a total of 21 teams signed up right now.

Natural Resources

- Charlie had a team building activity and worked on a trail to stabilize the ground around the bridge. What bridge?

Tennis

- Numbers have increased since the pandemic.
- We are in our Winter Class sessions and currently registering for our Spring and Summer classes.

Derrell Walker

- In December, we had 2 Christmas Tree lighting events that turned out great. We had one at East Cobb Park and one at the Mable House.
- January - February, our staff will be preparing the fields and gearing up for Spring contract signing.
- We are hosting the contract signing virtually in the upcoming weeks.

**Tina** – The contracts that you are discussing, are those the contracts for the usage of the facilities?

**Derrell** – Yes ma'am. These meetings usually go over the contracts, any changes, additions or deletions.

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Jordan Wood

- East Cobb Streambank – Permitting for the site has been completed.
- Gymnastic Center – Progress to date, flooring has been repaired, salvaged equipment has been moved back in, lobby floors have been stripped and buffed, drywall repair and paint is completed, removed the old lighting, installed LED lights and carpet tiles have been ordered for installation by staff
- Fair Oaks Park – City of Marietta and DOT have completed the work on the sink hole. The main entrance is now back open, and the back entrance has been closed again
- Cobblestone Golf Course – Work has been completed and a walkthrough by staff created a punch list of items that need to be fixed.
- Miller Event Center – Generator has been installed. The building will be shut down from January 17 -21 while they pull wire and make the final inspections.
- Civic Center Domestic Water Line Repair – Currently in permitting to replace the old pipes in the mechanical room.
- Aquatic Center Boiler Replacements – Mtn. View Aquatics boiler is set in place and the contractor will be in this week to finalize the transfer.

**Elliott** – Wallace Park pavilions are really cluttered and need painting. Can we look at it and spruce it up to make it look better?

**Michael** – Two or three years ago we trimmed the trees and made it look better. We are struggling with staff at present but will go back in and do another deep cleaning with the area. Derrell has discussed this park with staff, and we are trying to coordinate the cleanup as a winter project

Michael Brantley

- Staffing issues have impacted our department significantly. We are down about 20 FT staff and about 77 PT staff. This has been an ongoing battle for the past year or so.
- We have several positive Covid cases within the department so that impacts our staff. We also have employee undergoing a serious medical condition and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.
- There was a petition and article in the MDJ about the Aquatics Limited Capacity requirements. We were asked by the County Manager to limit the numbers in our centers with larger events in Cobb County. We understand the frustrations of the residents, but the Declaration of Emergency and the high COVID transmission rate were factors in the decision by county leadership to restrict capacity.

**Tina** – Did the restrictions affect all facilities?

**Michael** – It affected all County facilities that might have a larger event.

#### X. FINAL COMMENTS

**Wynn** – Need to discuss the guidelines for the appointment of the Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall. A question/statement was brought up about a revision to the guidelines.

**Jill** – Proposed to vote on 2 candidates, so that there is never a tie between the board. Also, if a board member is absent and we need a tie breaker vote, we could record the

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meeting and send the absent member a copy so that they could make the vote and be the final decision.

MOTION: Motion made by Wynn McCurdy second by Bill Carver to move the vote of the updated guidelines to the March Recreation Board meeting.

VOTE: Approved 7-0; Keylan Mitchell and Nathan Wade absent

- Will have the guidelines ready by the February meeting. Will have the candidates to vote on by the March meeting; and be ready to interview the finalists; have appointment by the May 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wynn McCurdy to adjourn 7:56 P.M.