

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

May 9, 2023

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – May 9, 2023, 6:00 PM

Present:	Absent:	PARKS Staff Present:	Guests:
John Pape	Bill Carver	Barbara Savage	Morning Washburn
Elliott Hennington	Wynn McCurdy	Michael Brantley	
Tina Clark		Shelly Norton	
Demetrius Lockett		Jordan Wood	
Jill Flamm		Mario Henson	
Michael Edwards		Derrell Walker	
Nathan Wade		Justin Bartlett	
		Russell Smalls	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elliott Hennington called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

II. INVOCATION

Elliott Hennington opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elliott Hennington and the Rec Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF April 11, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Nathan Wade and seconded by John Pape to approve the April 11, 2023, Recreation Board Minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 7-0; Bill Carver and Wynn McCurdy absent.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION OF EMAIL FROM CHAIRWOMAN’S OFFICE

The Recreation Board continued the discussion of the Chairwoman’s request to have a liaison from each board to report monthly updates directly to her each month. Director Brantley reported that the coming strategic plan for the county would be tied into the strategic plan currently being worked on by PARKS. Members are still needing further details in this request and will revisit once they have gained that information.

VI. SPLOST UPDATES

Barbara Savage

- SPLOST Budget Update:
2011 Projects – 98% Completed; 2% Future Projects.
2016 Projects – 80% Completed; 1% Design; 5% Under Construction; 14% Future Project (Future Projects: Hyde and Miller) All projects are underway currently, but the 15% percentage is due to projects that have not had the money allocated yet.
2022 Projects – 88% Future; <1% Completed; >2% Construction Underway; <1% Design/Engineering (Future Projects: Aquatic Centers, Technology Improvements, Ebenezer Downs, and Noonday Park Restroom)

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- Old Clarkdale Community Center – Contractor is under contract and project will take approximately 8 months. Silt fencing has been installed; Meeting on Friday with the Fire Marshall.
- Stout Park/Stana House –Decel lanes and widening the entrance on Brownsville Rd have been completed; signals for the crossing have been ordered; fire line has been installed; Interior bids will be held on Thursday; Stairs have been installed and awaiting Fire Marshall approval; Exterior of the Barn is in process, but working through quality and timing issues with the contractor.
- Hyde Farm – National Registry – received comments back from them to update and will be resubmitted.
- Miller Arena – Sound Booth is in disrepair and will be demolished.
- Sewell Pool – We have demo'd the surface of the pool and applied Diamond Bright; curing done on Friday; pool will open on 5/27.
- Furr Park – PO is in process to pave the driveway.
- Hurt Road Park – Project will be to add more parking for the basketball area.
- Lost Mountain Park – Project will consist of dredging the lake, cutting trees off the dam to repair the leaking dam.
- Rhyne Park Streambank – FlexiMat has been installed; fixing pipes and erosion.
- Florence Road Trailhead – Paving bids out on 5/12; Will review bid in June.
- PARKS Signage – Will be installing signs at 16 parks to display the park rules; will take approximately a month to complete.
- Aquatics – Dehumidification systems installation approved today; West Cobb Aquatics will be the first facility to be replaced, then South Cobb, and finally Mountain View.
- Big Shanty Park – Project will be to add additional parking and pickleball courts (later); project is currently in the design phase.
- Noonday Park Restroom Restoration – Designer on board; will install 8 restroom pods in between fields 4 and 5; this will be a 6-month project.
- Wild Horse Creek Lake – Bidding out removal of silt currently; 2-3 weeks to complete; Anticipated completion later in Summer.

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Derrell Walker

- Operations – Routine maintenance is happening in all zones currently and is picking up.
- Events – Currently prepping for the concert series by adding sod to the lawns; built pads to sit on.
- Working on fence repairs across the parks.
- Adding more slate rock to our walking trails for safer travels for citizens.
- This past weekend, we had a GRPA Track Meet; Cobb County finished well in the series.

Mario Henson

- Aquatics – Sewell Pool and Seven Springs open Memorial Day weekend.
- We have a new Aquatic program for special needs.
- All Aquatic facilities now offering swim lessons since we are fully staffed.
- Arts – International Festival will be August 26th at Miller Park.

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- Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre – Concert season is in full swing.
- Anderson Theatre – nominated and won a Telly Award.
- Miller Park – The circus will be in town May 20-May 29th.
- Natural Resources – Just hosted Fishing with TRS at Lost Mountain Park.
- Tennis – May is National Tennis Month; National Tournament will be at Harrison Tennis Center on May 20th.
- Recreation Centers – All centers are prepping for Summer Camps; all centers are fully staffed and ready to go.
- Terrell Mill – All Star Invitational Baseball will be held Memorial Day weekend.

Jordan Wood

- Bob Callen Bridge Renovations –Project delayed due to engineering issues.
- Al Bishop Parking Expansion – Project is to expand the available overflow parking area for the fair by 4 acres or 241 additional parking spots; Gaskins+Lecraw are the designers; Plans awaiting Community Development approval; asked the Fair Board to help with funding since the pricing came back higher than anticipated, but it was declined; will have to go out to bid for this project.
- Schmidt Family Park Improvements – Project will renovate the existing home; will then be offered as a living space for Cobb County PD; total interior gut and remodel; PARKS Construction Unit will mostly complete the interior gut of the house; will be installing underground power as well.
- South Cobb Aquatic Center Play Structure Replacement – PO issued for DC Pools to demo old play structure and replace with a new Mushroom water feature.
- Pool Gutter Replacement – Locations: Mountain View, South Cobb, and West Cobb; Sole source product so we can purchase pre-dimensioned specifically for each location due to safety concerns.
- Aquatic Center Locker Room Flooring and Partitions – Currently crafting scope of work and will three-bid this project.
- Disc Golf at Hubert Park – Project will potentially be a 9-hole par 3 layout that will be appropriate for beginners through advanced golfers; currently pricing and purchasing equipment.
- Veterans Memorial – Meeting with County Leadership and Veterans Memorial Foundation Board to discuss current cost estimation; will be meeting with Carroll Daniel (Cost Estimator) to discuss VE options and revised pricing.

Michael Brantley

- Mario has done a great job acquiring grants for the department.
- Update on incident at Nickajack Park last week.
- Holiday Light Show Drive Thru – could be held at Jim R. Miller Park from Thanksgiving through January 1st; the Event Center hopes to have an ice-skating rink inside, slide, Santa, cookies, and smores. Cost will be around \$45-55/car. Currently negotiating with Shadrack Productions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Elliott Hennington to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.