

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

June 13, 2023

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – June 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elliott Hennington called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. INVOCATION

Bill Carver opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. CONSIDERATION OF May 9, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by John Pape and seconded by Bill Carver to approve the May 9, 2023; Recreation Board Minutes as submitted.

VOTE: **6-0**; Nathan Wade, Tina Clark, and Demetrius Lockett absent.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Morning Washburn commented about how great our Central Aquatic Center was and how she enjoys visiting the center.

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 Project: Hyde) 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; >5% Construction Underway; <6% Design/Engineering (Future Projects: Aquatic Centers, Technology Improvements, Ebenezer Downs, and Noonday Park Restroom)
- Old Clarkdale Community Center – CMU for the build is completed; inspection will be done tomorrow; currently 40 weeks out on the Amp Panel, but we are looking around for other options; Hope to complete by December 2023.

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- Stout Park/Stana House – Ribbon curve in process; vehicle parking area by bond is in process; Traffic signal will be installed later this month; Hoping to be completed at the end of August.
House – Permit agreement on stairs has been received.
Barn exterior – Issues have been resolved; completed the punch list yesterday; anticipated completion next month.
- Miller Park – Sound Booth has been torn down and they have stabilized the electrical; currently in the process of getting 3 bids for the rebuild of the room.
- Lost Mountain & Wallace Park – We will be converting the fields to turf; currently preparing for the design phase; construction to start next year.
- Aquatics – Dehumidification systems units will arrive next month; marcite, interior paint, and rust repairs are set to go to Purchasing on July 7th and bid on August 24th.
- Big Shanty Park – Septic system has to be replaced; Engineer on board; the field lines need to be replaced, but are looking into hooking into the sewer.
- Lake and Dam Renovations – Lost Mountain is under contract with an Engineer; Rhyne Park is in design to have a Flexamat installed; Wild Horse Creek Park is set to be dredged by the end of the month.
- Rental Goats – We have been using goats to clear brush and woods from our retention ponds; We have 18 goats and 1 sheep, and they have completed the Ebenezer project; Now they are at Sewell Mill and will be there for 4-5 days until they move to the next location.
- Ebenezer Park – All of the carpet has been removed and are currently looking for flooring and lighting options; Designer is under contract for the park and pond.
- Paving – West Cobb Aquatic Center parking lot will be paved in Mid-July.
- Florence Road Trail Head – currently has 6 bids and are checking references.
- Hurt Road Basketball Court – We have received the final drawings for the project.
- Central Aquatic Center – We have replaced all carpet in the public areas and offices.

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Derrell Walker

- Operations – Finished grading/install slate at Clarkdale Park.
- Completed the trash can updates throughout the Noonday Zone Parks.
- Our Land Unit tore down 2 buildings at Shaw Park.
- Repaired some playgrounds with minor issues.
- All zones – Prepping football fields with sod for the season; all rectangular fields are closed.
- Bob Callen Bridge Renovations – Extensive project; still delayed and waiting for a plan B.
- Al Bishop Parking Expansion – Pushed back due to permitting; out to bid on August 10th.
- South Cobb Aquatic Center Play Structure Replacement – DC Pools was awarded the project; will also include gutter replacements.
- ARPA Grants were approved; nonmatching grants for \$3.6 million; grants for Fair Oaks and Booth Road; goes before the BOC on June 27th for approval. Pickleball court could be constructed at Fair Oaks with this grant. Wanting 8-16 courts depending on funds.

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Michael Brantley

- Summer camps are in full spring; We are full at every center.
- July is Parks & Recreation Month; We will be having a proclamation handing out at the July 11th BOC Meeting.
- Juneteenth is this weekend; We will have a tent set up at the event.
- International Festival will be at Miller Park on August 26th.
- Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre – Concert Series is in full spring; we hired a new Program Coordinator I, Taryn Spires, who is doing a great job so far.
- Circus came through with minor incidents; PETA protestors on the first weekend; and sign protestors the last weekend.
- Natural Resources – Our fishing rodeos for each district will begin the first weekend of July.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Elliott Hennington to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.