

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

July 11, 2023

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – July 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Demetrius Lockett called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M.

II. INVOCATION

Wynn McCurdy opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Demetrius Lockett and the Rec Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF June 13, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Bill Carver and seconded by John Pape to approve the June 13, 2023; Recreation Board Minutes as submitted.

VOTE: **6-0**; Nathan Wade, Tina Clark, and Elliott Hennington absent.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Washburn commented the PARKS website not being updated with meeting dates and times. Shelly has been in the process of getting it fixed with I.S. Ms. Washburn also mentioned that the Hyde Farm Volunteer groups have piled up some debris that they will be coming back to clear, but asked if we could mow the area around their piles for them to easily access the cleanup site.

VI. SPLOST UPDATES

Barbara Savage

- SPLOST Budget Update:
2011 Projects – 98% Completed; 2% Future Projects. (Felton, Fullers, Hyde, and Mt. Bethel)
2016 Projects – 82% Completed; 1% Design; 3% Under Construction; 14% Future Project (Future Project: Hyde) All projects are underway currently, but the 14% percentage is due to projects that have not had the money allocated yet.
2022 Projects – 85% Future; <3% Completed; >6% Construction Underway; <6% Design/Engineering (Future Projects: Aquatic Centers, Technology Improvements, Ebenezer Downs, and Noonday Park Restroom)

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- Old Clarkdale Community Center – The slab has been poured, the framing has started, and the trusses are due next Monday.
- Stout Park/Stana House – Ribbon curb is 90% completed; proof rolling this week; show ring base is currently being laid; pedestrian signals are being installed; project is still on track to be completed at the end of August.
Barn exterior/interior – Exterior is completed; Interior design/contractor was approved today.
- Miller Park – Sound booth has been torn down and they have stabilized the electrical; CMU wall has been built to reattach the electrical components back; hopefully to have completed within the next month or so.
- Price Park Bridge – The bid has been sent to Purchasing – Legal – Chairwoman for approval.
- PARKS Maintenance Building – Moving forward slowly; we have finally broken loose from permitting but have to get the Fire Marshal back out since the last one expired due to extended time in permitting.
- Terrell Mill Park – We got the rectangle field scoreboard installed and completed.
- Aquatics – Dehumidification systems units have been delayed until mid-August; marcite and interior paint for the 4 aquatic centers went to Purchasing on July 7th and will bid on August 24th.
- Big Shanty Park – Septic system has to be replaced and we are working with the Engineer; we will be adding additional parking; currently in permitting with City of Kennesaw; Pickleball will be on hold due to financial constraints.
- Lake and Dam Renovations – Lost Mountain is under contract with an engineer to fix the dam; Rhyne Park is in design to have Flex-a-mat installed, project is currently in permitting, project has to go before the Corps of Engineers and BOC; Wild Horse Creek Park is set to be dredged by the end of the month.
- Ebenezer Downs Park – All of the carpet has been removed and are currently looking for flooring and lighting options; Designer is under contract for the park.
- Paving – West Cobb Aquatic Center parking lot started paving this morning; hope to be done in a week.
- Florence Road Trail Head – Going before the Board of Commissioners on August 8th for approval and should start in October.
- Hurt Road Basketball Court – Currently in permitting stage.
- Shaw Park – Currently cutting down large trees that were safety concerns; meeting with designer; have our electrical contractor on board to replace some lighting in the park; will contact Ga Power to replace a lot of metal halide lights to LED lights.
- Kemp Park – Design went to Purchasing on June 26th; Bid on Aug. 14th; and will start in October on designing phase 1.
- Synthetic Turf Conversions – Wallace Park, F3/4 and Lost Mountain F10/11...RFP will bid on Aug. 10th.
- Cobblestone Cart Path Replacement – Starts tomorrow and we will replace as much path as we can as money allows; will install a maintenance concrete path by building.
- Mable House Amphitheatre – Kiln vent contractor to start next week; this will be a 2-week project.

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Derrell Walker

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Operations

- Our teams have been laying sod in all 3 zones getting ready for the upcoming season; Noonday alone laid over 160,000sqft of sod.
- Our teams are getting ready for the upcoming fall events.
- Legacy Tournament starts tomorrow; games will start on Thursday morning.
- Repaired some playgrounds with minor issues.
- All zones – cleaning damage from last week storms.

Services

- Aquatics – All outdoor pools will close July 30th during the weekdays and will open on weekend only. Patti Wilder will be starting and will host over 700 swimmers.
- Jennie T. Anderson – Won the Telly Award and have the trophy displayed in the theatre.
- Natural Resources – Mountain Bike Camp is ongoing; last weekend our team wrapped up the 1st Fishing Rodeo; 3 more to go over the next 3 Saturdays.
- Summer Camps – ends July 28th. It has been a great time for the campers.
- TRS – Preparing for Fall Special Olympics.
- Special Events – Preparing for the International Festival on Aug. 26th.
- Tennis – Sweetwater/Hurt Rd. Parks are getting court resurfacing.

Jordan Wood

- State of Georgia Grant – Submitted to the BOC; BOC approved and awaiting signature; then will discuss the vision for renovations/construction.
- Anderson Fly System – Held pre-construction meeting on July 10th; demo scheduled for Aug. 7th- Sept. 4th; facility will be closed during that time.
- Seven Springs – Resurface outdoor water park; will go out for bid on Aug. 14th.
- HVAC Replacements – Sewell Mill, Anderson, Ward Recreation will be receiving these replacements.

Michael Brantley

- July is Parks & Recreation Month; The BOC had the proclamation presentation today; thank you to the Board Members that came out.
- Deputy County Manager and Michael had the pleasure of driving the BOC around on the trailer during the Fourth of July Parade.
- The Atlanta Hawks showed up to Ron Anderson and brought Alumni and player for a pop-up clinic with the kids.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demetrius Locket to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.