

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

August 8, 2023

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – August 8, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Elliott Hennington called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 July 11, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Bill Carver and seconded by John Pape to approve the July 11, 2023; Recreation Board Minutes as submitted.

VOTE: **5-0**; Nathan Wade, Tina Clark, Jill Flamm, and Michael Edwards absent.

V. 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)
- Old Clarkdale Community Center – The roof, windows, siding has been installed; HVAC and lighting wiring is in process; currently selecting furniture for the center; anticipated completion end of October/beginning of November.
- Stout Park/Stana House – The gate on Horsehaven Dr. has been installed; the restroom building is in permitting; easement has been approved from Georgia Power; fencing around the show ring has been installed; anticipated completion mid-September.

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Barn exterior/interior – Contracts on the interior is in process.

House – We received the permit on the outside stairs and filed the CO for occupancy.

- Osborne Recreation Center – We received additional funding from the BOC which allows us to get going again; the funding issue put us 5 months behind; sitework will start late December early January.
- Fullers Park – This project is to replace all of the electrical lighting components of the park. Waiting for BOC agenda submittal.
- Gym Floors Replacements – Will be replacing the gym floors in 5 of our Recreation Centers.
- Pitner Road AirField – Project will be to remove the damaged asphalt, patch, and updated the areas removed; this will be a 2 day project.
- West Cobb Aquatics – Paving has been completed; permanent stripping will be completed soon.
- Shaw Park – Designer will have the final plan next week; we have cut over 60 trees down at the park and have about 35 left; Georgia Power will be replacing relay poles with new LED lights and will install new lights along the road of the park to brighten it up.
- Cobblestone Cart Path Replacement – We have completed the cart path replacement; We installed a total of 409 linear feet of curb and updated 19% of the total cart paths.
- Mable House Amphitheatre – Kiln vent has been completed; one of the issues was the duct wasn't connected, so that has been moved and repaired; project is completed.

VI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Derrell Walker

Operations

- Our crews had responded due to storm damage and trees knocking power lines down at Sewell Park. The lines fell on a Citizen's van while the family was in the van. It took a few hours, but they were able to get the family out.
- Our crews also had to clear a tree that fell at Kennworth Park that destroyed the scoreboard.
- Our Mountain Zone has been repairing irrigation systems; the goats have been moved to Lost Mountain Park for two weeks to clear detention areas there.
- Bishop Zone has been cleaning the pavilions and clearing underbrush.
- Noonday Zone – Sandy Plains Park's concession stand had the electrical rewired; Harrison Park had the first week of the High School Parking and it has gone well so far.
- Our Mountain Zone Superintendent, Jimmy Barnett, will be retiring on August 18th. We will be having a retirement party at Taco Mac on August 15th.

Services

- Aquatics – We are now on weekend only schedules for our outdoor pools; Labor Day weekend will be our last open day. Pool vacuums have been upgraded to pool robots at all of our pools.
- Arts – We promoted Marie Jernigan into our Program Manager position; All Summer Camps are completed and had a wonderful time.
- Natural Resources – Completed all 4 of the Fishing Rodeos. We had a great turnout for them; Our team is gearing up for the Cross County Meets.

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- Recreation Centers – Summer programs have ended; Completed Separation of Service for all of our Seasonal positions.
- Special Events – Preparing for the International Festival on Aug. 26th.
- Tennis – Busy with getting ready for back-to-school clinics that start August 12th. AYTEF Block Party will be on August 26th.
- Special Events Unit – Hired a Department Communications Specialist; planning the International Festival that will be on August 26th from 10am-6pm at Miller Park.

Jordan Wood

SPLOST Projects

- Wallace Park – Meeting held with LISC to cover the Amendment to the agreement with Sweet Water Missions agent. Currently, pricing and procuring mini-pitch, site amenities, basketball court resurfacing, LED lighting, and fencing.
- Jennie T. Anderson Fly System – Project underway; demo scheduled for Aug. 7th-Sept. 4th; facility will be closed during that time.
- Seven Springs – Resurface outdoor water park; pre-bid held today; project bids August 24th; pool to be resurfaced between March and May 2024.
- HVAC Replacements –Windy Hill, Central Aquatics, Sewell Mill, Anderson, Ward Recreation will be receiving these replacements; pre-bid scheduled for August 29th; bid opens on September 14th.
- Cobblestone Cribwalls and Sink Hole Repair – Project is to repair falling cribwalls throughout the course; project has been completed.
- Pocket Parks:
 - Fire Station 9 has been demolished and graded; meeting scheduled next week with playground manufacturer.
 - Woodlawn/Lower Roswell DOT staked their limits of disturbance so the land unit can begin work.

Michael Brantley

- August 26th is the International Festival at Miller Park.
- September 1st-3rd is the County Music Festival at Miller Park.
- September 21st-October 1st is the North Georgia State Fair at Miller Park.
- October 28th is the Fall Festival at Miller Park.
- We are in the process of trying to schedule a Holiday Light Show at Miller Park; will let you know more details once finalized.
- We are working with Mountain Bike Club at Allatoona Creek Park to build a pump track (little hills). We had a donor donate \$250,000 towards the track.
- Shaw Park – Gritters Library came down yesterday; new one is coming; underneath the library will be the new Northeast Cobb Community Center. At least 1 year before it is ready to go.
- Pickleball Challenge was held between Dr. Gibson and Commissioner Gambrill last Friday; Dr. Gibson won, and they were able to raise money for the Meal on Wheels program.
- We received funding for Capital Funds; we received \$3.875 million; \$3.25 million will go towards Osborne Recreation Center only and the remaining will be split amongst Rhyne Park, Allatoona Creek Park, Al Bishop Park, and Big Shanty Park.
- Our Land Unit Maintenance Building finally got out of permitting and will be moving along.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demetrius Locket to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.