

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

March 11, 2025

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – March 11, 2025, 6:00 PM

Present:	Absent:	PARKS Staff Present:
Jill Flamm	Nathan Wade	Michael Brantley
Demetrius Lockett		Jordan Wood
Elliott Hennington		Mario Henson
Wynn McCurdy		Jud Martin
John Pape		
Bill Carver		
Michael Edwards		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Demetrius Lockett called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

II. INVOCATION

Wynn McCurdy opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jill Flamm and the Rec Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF January 14, 2025, MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Elliott Hennington and seconded by Wynn McCurdy to approve the January 14, 2025 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 7-0; Nathan Wade and Kennall Mond were absent for the vote.

Elections: Demetrius Lockett was voted Recreation Board Chair and Jill Flamm was voted Recreation Board Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

V. SPLOST UPDATES

Jud Martin

- SPLOST Budget Update:
2011 Projects – 98% Completed: 2% Future Projects. (Fullers, Hyde, and Mt. Bethel)
2016 Projects – 95% Completed; 2% Design; 3% Under Construction; 2% Future Project (Future Project: Hyde) All projects are underway currently.
2022 Projects – 64% Future; 24% Completed; >12% Construction Underway; <6% Design/Engineering (Future Projects: Ebenezer Downs, Pitner Road Archery Restroom, Al Bishop Synthetic Turf & LED Lights Upgrade, and Price Bridge)

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Project Summary: 2011

- SPLOST Budget Update:
- Various Projects –
 - Fullers Mustang Field is out for bid. Bids open 4/10
 - Power-Jackson Cabin is still waiting on permitting. We are working on bids for the site work.

Project Summary 2016:

Milford Recreation Center

- Gym flooring and striping installed.
- Gym wall and padding are being installed.
- Elevated track flooring has been installed.
- Glass handrails are being installed.
- We are still within budget and projecting to complete in late March.

Question: When is the ribbon cutting taking place? Answer: We are waiting on the Certificate of occupancy before we schedule.

Miller Deck Coating-

- There was a change in product and scope based on manufacturers recommendation.
- Nova is reviewing the roof's condition.
- It will be out for bid in April.

Hyde Farm Pavilion-

- Submittals are being reviewed.
- The goal is to be complete by July1.

Project Summary: 2022

- South Cobb Seal Coating –
 - This project will include phased sealcoating of the entire parking lot and restriping.
 - Project will take place Mid-May.

Synthetic Turf Conversion-

- Lost Mountain- Erosion control and drainage structures installed.
- Wallace- Drainage outfall is installed. One of the retaining walls is complete and we are working on the other one.
- Lost Mountain and Wallace should be completed by the end of August.
- Wallace Baseball- Survey is complete. The designer should have conceptual plan in the next couple of weeks. One field and one infield will be converted to synthetic.

- Technology & Life Safety – Phase 3 Camera Locations
 - Proposal has been received and will go to the BOC once it is approved by ITS in April for the following locations:

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- Lost Mountain Tennis
- Fullers Park Rec Center
- SCT Floyd Trailhead
- Mable House Arts Center

West Cobb Aquatic Center-

- Bathroom tile is complete.
- Replacing all ACT ceilings.
- Converting all lighting to LED fixtures.
- Locker room paint begins next week.
- Pool paint is complete.
- Plaster install and pool refill will take place on the same day (3/17)
- Projecting to complete by the end of April.

Shade Structures-

- Ward and East Cobb are complete.
- Terrell Mill- Footers are in place and should be completed by the end of this week.

2022 Various Projects-

- Ward Renovation- Out for bid. Bids will be opened 4/10.
- Fullers ADA – In permitting.
- Wild Horse Creek- In permitting.
- Kemp restroom and parking is in design.

VI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mario Henson

Services

Recreation

- Ward Recreation Center- Glow in the Dark Adult Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday 4/19 from 7-9pm
- Therapeutic Recreation- Formal Dance 3/8
- Summer Camp- All camps are full, with the exception of Fair Oaks

Aquatics

- WCAC: Plaster starts this week! Everything is on schedule.
- MVAC: Is closed through Friday. The bulkhead will be going in tomorrow.

Special Events

- Mable House Amphitheatre – Tickets for the 2025 season went on sale on 2/20 on Ticketmaster. The ticket booth will open on 3/25.
- Jim Miller- Annual MDJ/Cobb Life's Best of Cobb celebration is on 3/20 which kicks off the annual Food and Wine Festival.
- Spring Arts Festival is on 4/26 from 10am-4pm.

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Natural Resources

- Sweep the Hooch is taking place on 3/22 at Discovery Park at the River Line. 50 volunteers will participate. This takes place over 14 counties.
- Hyde Farm/Wright Environmental Center- Monthly homeschool programs.

Arts/Cultural Affairs

- MHAC is hosting its second FED program the weekend of 3/22-23.
- Belonging: My Community- Open call for artists for permanent reproduction work to be installed at Milford Recreation Center is happening until 3/28. It is open for ages 13+
- Inspired by the HeArt Reception is on 3/14 from 5-7pm at the Art Station, Auggies Lucky Taco's food truck will be onsite.
- SMCC hosted the East Cobb Quilters Guild "Make Your Own Masterpiece" exhibit, which will run through 4/5. They were featured in the MDJ.

Derrell Walker

Operations:

Landscaping Unit:

- We have finished the installation of the silt fence at Rhyne Park and added barricades for safety and security.

Bishop Zone:

- The concrete bleachers at field 1 at Rhyne Park were pressure washed.
- Infield work at Nickajack Park that added infield mix.
- We replaced 40 lights for Wallace football field.
- Pressure washing is ongoing on Mable House as we get ready to open for the season.

Noonday Zone:

Shaw Park:

- Bulbs were replaced on the pickleball and multipurpose courts due to storm damage.
- A six-hour timer was put on at pickleball courts to prevent them from running early in the morning.

Noonday Park:

- Mulch was installed in the upper playground.

Terrell Mill: The memorial bench was installed.

Additional Notes:

- Spring baseball 90% opening Days have been held.
- During the last storm, lots of trees were down throughout the county. The PARKS Operations team worked together to clear up the down trees.

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Jordan Wood

Capital Programs:

P-ARPA Fair Oaks:

- This is a project to renovate athletic fields and courts at Fair Oaks and construct a cricket pitch at Booth Road.
- We held a design kickoff meeting a few weeks ago and are currently in design development. The duration for the preliminary design is expected to be 4-6 weeks.
- We anticipate construction to begin Fall 2025 after the conclusion of summer camps.

Swingtime Access Road – FY 23 Project

- This is an access road from the entrance of Green Meadows to the Swingtime parking lot.
- BMPs are in. We are awaiting a 7-day letter.
- We will mobilize equipment on or about 3/17 and are expecting a 6-month construction duration.
- The Swingtime parking lot will be closed during construction.
- Temporary parking for disc golf will be provided via gravel at the Oregon Park entrance.

Various Concrete Projects:

- Al Bishop concrete was completed as of 3/1.
- Mable House Historic Area- Out to bid. Bids are due 3/27
- Miller Arena- Out to bid.
- Hillcrest/South Gordon – Fire Station No. 9 – We have gotten the approval to go into design and development. The anticipated cost is \$550,000 for parking, restroom, community garden, playground, and adult fitness gym. We are waiting on DOT to wrap up their project.
- Mountain View Bulkhead- We have scheduled installation for this week. The aquatic center is closed for 1 week.

Michael Brantley

PARKS Update:

Michael was celebrated for his Silver Eagle Award. This award has recognized exceptional leadership and teamwork within the Cobb County Management Team. Selected by their peers, the recipient exemplifies dedication, collaboration, and commitment to excellence throughout the year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demetrius Lockett to adjourn at 6:59p.m.