

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

April 8, 2025

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – April 8, 2025, 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Demetrius Lockett called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

Demetrius Lockett acknowledged Dr. Jatunn Gibson, Cobb County Public Services Agency Director.

II. INVOCATION

Elliott Hennington opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Carver and the Rec Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF March 11, 2025, MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by John Pape and seconded by Bill Carver to approve the March 11, 2025 Recreation Board minutes, once errors were corrected.

VOTE: 6-0; Nathan Wade, Kennall Mond, and Wynn McCurdy were absent for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

V. PRESENTATION

Scuba Gym/Scuba 4 Life presented an overview of their aquatic program.

VI. 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 – 62% Future; 25% Completed; >13% 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 4/24. There was a good turnout at the pre-bid.
 - Power-Jackson Cabin is permitted. We are working with Leatherwood on contracts and getting bids on site work.

Rhyne Park

- We are renovating Fields 1&2, replacing dirt infields with synthetic turf and full synthetic field on Field 4.
- We are also removing fencing and replacing them with new black vinyl coated fencing.
- The plaza concrete is being reworked on Field 1 to better shed water.
- Access to Fields 2&4 is being improved with new concrete walks.
- New LED lighting throughout the park.
- Painting all structures and replacing/adding new dugouts at two fields.
- Removed existing batting cages from flood way and will be replacing between Fields 2&4.
- Currently on schedule to complete by early-July.

Project Summary 2016:

Milford Recreation Center

- Received the Certificate of Occupancy on 4/1.
- The punch list walk was last Wednesday.
- The contractor is working on the punch list and should take about 30 days to complete.
- A/V equipment is being installed.
- FF&E will be showing up throughout the months of April/May.

Miller Deck Coating-

- We are working on estimates for the roof repairs that are needed prior to paint and insulation.
- Invitation to bid should publish on May 16.

Project Summary: 2022

- Ebenezer Downs –
 - Design is moving to construction documents.
 - We are moving forward with a less invasive design for the spillway that will not require draining the pond.
 - This will require a permit revision.
 - Planning on issuing the invitation to bid as soon as RAP funds are available.

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Synthetic Turf Conversion-

- Lost Mountain- Both fields have been stripped, perimeter fence posts are installed, and the curb is being formed.
- Wallace- The curb, walls, and perimeter drains are complete. We are hauling dirt offsite.
- Lost Mountain and Wallace should be completed by the end of August.
- Wallace Baseball- Still in design.

Ward

- Replacing all fasteners, roof vents, and resealing the roof.
- Patching holes in the panels and cracks in the mortar and painting the sliding.
- Installing new ADA walkway with electric push button entry at building.
- Installing new synthetic gym flooring.
- Adding new electric motors and security cameras.

West Cobb Aquatic Center-

- Pool plaster is curing, and the pool is filled.
- Restrooms should be completed by the end of April.

Kemp Family Park-

- Installation of a new stick-built bathroom facility and parking lot at the old homesite property.
- Will be connected to sewer via force main.
- Includes parking for 36 vehicles.
- County has provided final comments on design.
- Project will be in permitting by the end of April.

2022 Various Projects-

- Terrell Mill restroom in design and should be in permitting by the end of April.
- Fullers ADA- Receiving bids for construction through annual contractors.
- Seven Spring shade structures purchase order was issued.
- Shaw Park renovations- moving to CDs in anticipation of RAP funding in September.

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mario Henson

Services

Recreation

- **Ron Anderson-** Sneaker Ball event had over 100 attendees for the event
- Summer Camp Staff hired for upcoming Summer Camp
- Linked Up Church to host Easter Saturday event for the public to attend.
- **South Cobb-** I Got Bank – Youth Financial Literacy: This class is sponsored by the Truist Foundation and the Watson Institute.
- **Fullers Recreation Center-** Spring break camp 4/7-4/11- 7:30am-5:30pm
- Springtime Paint Party Family Event- 4/9- 12pm-2pm

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- **TR Program-** 2025 Spring Formal was a success at Sewell Mill Cultural Center
- Our new Program Coordinator I, Ana Leigh Nielson, will start 4/14
- TRS and Ward went to Still Elementary school and held a wiffle ball game for their special education classes in honor of Exceptional Children's Week last month.
- **Ward Recreation Center-** Lego to Spring Break Camp: 4/7-4/11 is full with 20 kids attending.
- Glow In the Dark Adult Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19th 7pm

Tennis

- Spring classes Session I is in progress. Session II begins the week of 4/14 and registration is open.
- Registration for summer tennis classes begins 4/17. Classes begin the weeks of 6/2 and 7/21.
- April 25 – AYTEF Tennis Block Party (FO)
- April 25 - 27 - Level 6: Apex Tennis Harrison Spring Classic

Aquatics

- **WCAC:** Reopens on 5/1. We are installing new gutters and working on locker rooms installing new tiles and partitions.
- Seasonal hiring for outdoor pools opens on Memorial Day.
- **MVAC:** Is closed through Friday. The bulkhead will be going in tomorrow.

Special Events

- Spring Arts Festival is on 4/26.

Natural Resources

- Fishing Rodeo- Hyde Farm 4/26.
- Girls in Parks Day – Stout Park 5/10.

Arts/Cultural Affairs

- MHAC will host Anarchy: Alternative Arts Demo on 5/3. This will feature demos from Tattoo Artists, Taxidermy, Cake Decorators and more.
- The Art Place is gearing up for Scene on the Green, with the kickoff event being Beetlejuice Jr on 6/13. This series will have 1 additional theater production and 2 concerts, all of which are free to the public this summer.
- The Art Station is hosting a Sensory Experience the week of Spring Break (4/7-11) which allows for an immersive experience for kids.
- Sewell Mill Cultural Center has two open calls right now, one for Mini-Craft (a small arts exhibit), and one for Best in Show, a pet themed exhibit.
- Jennie T. Anderson Theater is hosting seven full weeks of summer camp this year, ranging from Broadway Basics to Puppet Camp for kids ages 9-13.

Derrell Walker

Operations:

Bishop Zone:

- District 4 cleanup- Mulched and trimmed parking lot at South Cobb Complex.

Noonday Zone:

- The entire zone completed a 4-hour pesticide training.
- Sealed cracks and replaced asphalt on BMX track in preparation for the nationals on 5/13

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- Repaired walking trail after storm and installed 50 tons of trail mix.
- Installed lighting on batting cage one at Sewell Mill Park

Mountain Zone:

- Pressure washed outside of West Cobb Aquatics and removed shrubs blocking drivers view.

Jordan Wood

Capital Programs:

P-ARPA Fair Oaks/ Booth Road:

- This is a project to renovate athletic fields and courts at Fair Oaks and construct a cricket pitch at Booth Road.
- We held a meeting today for the first round of Design Development.
- Fair Oaks - 1 Synthetic Turf MP Field, 6 Pickleball courts, gravel walking track, lighting upgrade, fencing, and resurfacing the basketball goals with new goals.
- Booth Road - Practice Cricket Pitch (Like a batting cage), Hybrid Cricket field, asphalt parking lot, entry improvements, playground, and restroom facility.

Swingtime Access Road – FY 23 Project

- This is an access road from the entrance of Green Meadows to the Swingtime parking lot.
- Contractor has mobilized and is clearing vegetation and grading for the new access road.
- Duration is 6 months for completion.
- 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 Projects:

- Civic Center Stage Lighting - PO issued.
- Civic Center Staging- RQS issued and awaiting PO.
- East Cobb Bridge Renovations - PO issued for Labor, awaiting PO on materials.
- Jennie T Theatre Stage - Drafting 1TB documents to go out to bid.
- Mable House Amphitheatre Reno - RQS issued for concrete behind concessions area (Vendor row) and concrete pad to relocate drink concessionaire.
- Mablehouse Historic area Concrete - RQS issued awaiting PO.
- Mountainview Bulkhead – Complete.
- Art Place Lighting - Purchase Order issued and awaiting install.

Michael Brantley

PARKS Update:

Michael announced that the grand opening of the Milford Recreation Center is upcoming and that invitations will be sent out soon. He also shared that the focus among PARKS employees is on gearing up for all our summer programming.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Demetrius Lockett to adjourn at 7:03p.m.