

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

October 8, 2019

A meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Cobb Senior Center located at 4915 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, Georgia.

Present:

Bill Carver
Jill Flamm, Chair
Elliott Hennington
Bill Jones
Wynne McCurdy
Joe Mayes
Keylan Mitchell
John Pape
Nathan Wade

Absent:

none

Also present:

Jimmy Gisi, Director
Tom Bills, Sr. Contract Manager
Michael Brantley, Operations Manager
Shannon Woody, Administrative Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Keylan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Elliott Hennington opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Nathan Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Bill Carver and seconded by John Pape to approve the September 10, 2019 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.

VOTE: APPROVED Unanimously

Non-agenda announcement by Jimmy Gisi: Cobb PARKS awarded the 2019 GRPA Agency of the Year.

V. SPLOST Reporting

Tom Bills provided an update on the new reporting of SPLOST projects; streamlined reporting countywide, based on citizen's oversight information

- Discovery Boulevard – in permitting

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- Harrison Park – in permitting, parking improvements
- Hyde Operations Barn – in permitting
- Stout – master plan approved by BOC; five proposals for construction and engineering

VI. Master Plans – Jimmy Gisi provided a quick summary of the process, remember zero dollars to develop these properties, hope to have a plan so we have the option of doing some work in-house

- **Kemp** – 95 acres, 6.5 acres in life estate, passive use, large enough to warrant a caretaker in the future; trail connectivity to Allatoona Creek, 13 various sized pavilions, restroom facility 80 proposed parking spaces, additional 30 in future
 - Public Comment:
 - Keep it passive
 - Disc golf, passive use
 - Happy with the plan, I wish every community used the process you do
 - Passive use, love it
 - No more sports, no upper parking lot, need freshwater lake for fishing, no need to give opportunity to park and hide
 - Equestrian use needed, gravel parking for trailers
 - Great process
 - Friends group already formed
 - Allows for connectivity to trails, willing to assist in building
 - Love this park, interest in Civil War features, something temporary needs to be placed to protect now.
 - Comments from the Board:
 - Bill Carver – natural playscape
 - Wynn McCurdy – asked if pond in currently existing
 - Jill Flamm – hammock village, concerns about students coming over from schools
 - Motion by John Pape to move forward to Board of Commissioners, seconded by Wynn McCurdy
 - Discussion about how minor changes could occur if any
 - Vote - approved 8-1, Joe Mayes in opposition
- **Anderson Road Property** – intended to be passive
 - Public comment:
 - Question about turn lane for entry
 - Comments from the Board:
 - Wynn – describe exercise station
 - Elliott – open field use for picnics, etc.

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- Keylan – can you see the lake from the house, and this is a potential rental facility? Yes
- Jill – restroom location seems far from playground
- Motion by Nathan Wade to move forward to Board of Commissioners, seconded by John Pape
 - Vote – approved unanimously
- **Stilesboro/Price** – passive focus, more complete trail system, traffic calming features on Stilesboro
 - Public comment:
 - Great design and collaboration between uses, signage for hikers watching for bike park area, preservation of natural plant species, sidewalk needed along road
 - Will there be fence separating bikers/walkers?
 - Great plan, raised \$5000 already for trails
 - Substantial area in easement for pump track

Jimmy Gisi gave a quick summary, short discussion. Motion to approve concept by Bill Carver, Second by Joe Mayes. Approved 5-0

VII. Nominating Committee

- Agreement to appoint new vice-chair to replace rising Chair, Keylan Mitchell
- Nominating committee members: Wynn McCurdy, John Pape, Keylan Mitchell

VIII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mario Henson –

- Youth basketball started Monday
- Conversion of tennis courts to Pickleball
- Fall Festival, October 31, 4 to 7 PM

Michael Brantley –

- Silver Comet Trail closures, shorter than expected
- Windy Hill Playground – open early November
- Pickleball courts resurfaced from tennis
- Fund balance projects – January update

Jimmy Gisi –

- LPRs approved by Board of Commissioners

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Josh Camp – master plan process is great, very well done

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jill Flamm and second by Bill Carver to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board at 7:49 P.M.

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