

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

September 14, 2021

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – September 14, 2021, 6:00 PM

Present:	Absent:	PARKS Staff Present:	Guest:
Bill Carver	Tina Clark	Michael Brantley	Sherese Stringfield
Wynn McCurdy	Bill Jones	Shelly Norton	David Drake
Nathan Wade	Keylan Mitchell	Russell Small	
John Pape	Jill Flamm	Barbara Savage	
Elliott Hennington		Mario Henson	
		Jordan Wood	
		Derrell Walker	
		Melanie Johnson	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Carver called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

II. INVOCATION

Elliott Hennington opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Wynn McCurdy led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. CONSIDERATION OF August 10, 2021 MINUTES

- MOTION: Motion by John Pape and seconded by Elliott Hennington to approve the August 10, 2021 Recreation Board minutes as submitted. One correction was made by Shelly Norton.

VOTE: APPROVED 5-0; Tina Clark, Bill Jones, Keylan Mitchell, and Jill Flamm absent.

V. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Michael Brantley introduced our new Division Manager and Senior Contract/Project Manager during the board meeting. The newest employee to Cobb County is Jordan Wood. Jordan took over the position of Tom Bills as the Contract/Project Manager, Senior. He comes from Cherokee County Parks and Recreation where he was the Division Manager. During his time in Cherokee, he handled Project Management and Operations. He also worked for the YMCA.

Our newly chosen Division Manager of Operations comes from our Services Division. Derrell Walker has been with the County for 20+ years and was the Recreation Program Manager. Derrell has years of experience running the Al Bishop Complex, Youth Operations, and managing the Recreation Centers for PARKS. We are happy to have them both in their new roles.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

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VII. SPLOST UPDATES

Barbara Savage

- Lions Park – Concrete will be completed by this week and footer have been installed for the steel which will go in next week. Should be completed by mid-October.
- Hyde Farm – We are working toward listing Hyde Farm on the National Register of Historic Places. A wagon was donated by the previous owners (Hyde) and it now rests at the park.

Bill – What kind of restrictions will this impose on the park?

Barbara – This will not tie our hands with the park; it will protect it.

- Pitner Road Range – The cabinets have been completed with this project.
- Nesbitt Union Chapel – We have sent the job out for bid and received one bid within budget. All of their references have been checked. The timeframe to start will be January/February.
- Old Clarkdale – Meters and silk fence have been installed. The survey has been completed and we are ready to start construction.
- Old Clarkdale Community Center – We will soon start the permitting process for this project.
- Miller Park Signage – All of the signage for Miller Park has been installed throughout the park.
- Miller bleacher replacement – The bleacher project has been re-submitted for permitting. We must follow up with the Fire Marshall in regard to the fire protection for this project. We are guessing a 4-6 month lead time.
- Mable House Arts Center – Has two retention pond/ditches on the property that have gone unkept. We have decided to turn them into a bioswale with native plant material.
- Stout Park – In the permitting stages and will go to construction in about 5 months.
- Terrell Mill Joint BOE Project – In the permitting stage and will go to the BOC on 10/12/2021.
- Cato Property – Septic field lines and tank have been replaced.
- Fair Oaks Park – Storm pipe replacement – This project is in the design phase.

Overview questions:

Elliott – Will new signs go on all Recreation Centers?

Barbara – We are replacing bad signs but cannot say which ones we are going to do yet. We haven't specified parks yet.

John – Do you know when the Green Meadows sign will be completed?

Barbara – Bid is out today and hopefully we can have it completed within a couple of months.

VIII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Michael Brantley

- We are in the process of finalizing our year-end budget presentation for the BOC.
- We are currently assessing the 2022 SPLOST priorities. Due to the change to Gritters Library, we may be interested in moving partial repurpose of Shaw Park to beginning of program by attaching a new NECC (Northeast Cobb Community Center) to Gritters Library.

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- Sponsorships – Completed the process of having an outside firm look at the value of our assets. Next step is to put out an RFP without costs to get an outside firm to sell these sponsorships for our department.

Bill – Is there a place to include this discussion at the 9/28 budget presentation?

Michael – No, there will not be any additional time at that meeting to address this sponsorship program.

Derrell Walker

- We had a recent downpour/flooding Tuesday night/Wednesday morning that caused severe flash flooding and damage in many of our parks.
 - Gymnastics Center was flooded and will be shut down for a few months for repairs.
 - Fair Oaks Park flooding caused a section of the West Booth Road Extension to erode, causing a sink hole. The City of Marietta is responsible for this repair and they are giving us a timeframe of completion of two to three months.
 - East Cobb Park flooding caused a section of Sewell Mill Creek to fail near Roswell Road. We are currently in the process of working with Storm Water Management to address this issue and to create a plan to complete the repairs. Our staff worked all night to get the park back opened the next day.

Wynn – Is there any way to prevent the flooding?

Michael – No, there isn't a way to prevent it.

Bill – How does this affect your budget?

Michael – It will go through the Risk Management process.

- South Cobb Pocket Park – Meeting is scheduled with Amit Khanduri of LISC on 9/16/2021 to discuss the status of the Grant for Mini Pitch.
- Adult Athletics – Adult leagues started their tournaments this week. Football/Softball/Baseball started for the fall season. Winter adult registration is now open and leagues will begin in November. Ward Recreation Center completed their first staff lead basketball skills camp.
- Natural Resources – PARKS hosted the Georgia Master Naturalist Class sponsored by UGA. September 11th start of Hunting Program at Lake Allatoona. Lake Allatoona hosted the Annual Voodoo Race. Nearly 150 participants from across the state to participate and compete for the crown to be King and Queen.
- Tennis – Hosted the National Wheelchair Tournament on August 28 & 29.
- Aquatics – High school swim meet begins in October. Seasonal pools closed for the season.
- Arts – Race to Escape opened 9/10. Harvest Festival will be at the Mable House on October 9th.
- North Georgia State Fair is in town from September 23 to October 3rd.

IX. FINAL COMMENTS

Elliott – Is there any new news about the Osborne Community Center?

Michael – I cannot speak on pending real estate deals.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Carver to adjourn 7:02 P.M.