



Lumpkin County, Georgia
Parks and Recreation Department
Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 5:08pm on May 21, 2025.
 - b. Justin Davis, Hank Haynes, Jessica Tardonía, and Shawn Boyd were present.
 - c. Tim Towe, Ahmad Kamara, Haley Sparks, Scarlet Shumate, and Alan Ours were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Tim Towe gave an invocation to begin the meeting.
3. Recognize Citizens or Guests
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Hank Haynes and seconded by Shawn Boyd.
 - i. Passed unanimously
5. Old/Ongoing Business
 - a. Turf Grant Update
 - i. The submissions were approved for the grant on 05/20. Tim Towe and Ashley Peck will be working with the state contract to pick turf company and designs.
 - b. Field Renovation
 - i. Renovations beginning 07/07, contract with Tyler Mathis of Triscapes. Starting with fields 5, then fields 1 and 2.
 1. Will be plugging at 60, 70, 80, 90 on field 5, will be plugging at 60, 65, 70 on fields 1 and 2.
 2. Discussion over Lazer grading, proper infield /sand mix and the installing of Bermuda grass and irrigation on field 5.
6. New Business
 - a. GRPA
 - i. Discussing if we will stay in GRPA for Baseball and Softball due to age control dates.
 1. Potentially having a recreation department regular season tournament that works off of a May 1 age control date instead of September 1. And All Star Tourney to follow. All County's will have to be on board.
 - b. Scholarships

- i. Board agrees that we should be using more of the scholarship account each season/quarter.
 - ii. The board members are taking the current financial scale and reviewing/simplifying to 50% or 100% scholarship offerings.
 - iii. Need to be encouraging donations more and making scholarships more advertised.
 - iv. Board members will be following up with Brigitte at Lumpkin County Family Connection and Enotah CASA to see how their scholarships/funding works.
 1. Adding in addendum for case-by-case basis; children in foster care, single parents, recently laid off, etc.
7. Spring Sports Recap
 - a. Volleyball registration has increased substantially from 2024.
 - i. All teams finished 1st or 2nd through MAC tournaments. With exception of 3rd grade. Great coaches this season 3rd -8th grade. Great volleyball season.
 - ii. Request for no long sleeve tops for volleyball players next year
 - iii. Discussion about lack of Pinetree Rec Staff presence at volleyball events; need more seating at Pinetree Rec for volleyball events
 - b. Heroes League
 - i. Parks and Recreation staff would like to be more involved with Susan Burrell and Heroes League
8. Fall Sports
 - a. Girls flag football registration is up by 50%, Cheer and Football are just barely down
 - i. Cheerleading could be using the gyms at Community Center and PRC per Tim and ACM Ashley Peck; potentially also on the rugby fields
 - ii. Girl's flag will likely be on soccer field until August, or field 3
 - iii. Other field suggestions hinging on how renovations/turf are going
 1. Portable trailer restroom donated from Hank Haynes; would need to pay for pumping weekly
 2. LCMS football field is a potential, needs to be confirmed
 3. Cottrell Elementary field could also be a potential
 - b. Fall Baseball/Softball
 - i. The registration dates need to be edited because they are currently 06/02.
9. Comments/Other
 - a. Special request from advisory board for additional parks and rec full time staff; 3 athletic assistants
 - b. Request for Pinetree Recreation Center staff to attend Parks and Recreation Board meetings to keep everyone in the loop.
10. Adjournment
 - a. A motion was made to adjourn at 6:45pm by Hank Haynes and seconded by Jessica Tardonia

i. Passed unanimously

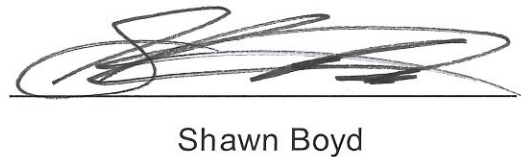


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May 2025 Minutes approved by: Board Members.


Hank Haynes, Chair


Shawn Boyd


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Justin Davis


Jessica Tardonia