



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

July 8, 2025

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 5:04pm on July 8th, 2025.
 - b. Hank Haynes, Autumn Chatham, Justin Davis, Jessica Tardonia, Shawn Boyd were present.
 - c. Tim Towe, Ahmad Kamara, Haley Sparks, Scarlet Shumate, David Payne and Jared Ray were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Hank Haynes gave the invocation.
3. Recognize Citizens or Guests
 - a. Jesse Turk, Head swim coach
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Shawn Boyd, seconded by Autumn Chatham.
 - i. Passed unanimously
5. Old/Ongoing Business
 - a. All Star District/State Tournament
 - i. Discussed revenue from tournaments and results and the swimmers who qualified for state. Our swim program put forth over 20 swimmers to compete at the state level on July 17th-19th.
 - ii. The park board will be submitting a request to honor the 8U Baseball state championship team at the next commissioner meeting.
 1. Motion was made by Hank and seconded by Autumn Chatham, it passed unanimously.
 - b. Scholarship Recap
 - i. The park board and staff discussed finalizing a scholarship form revision to be caught up to date with current standards utilizing a resource provided by Brigitte Barker with Lumpkin County Family Connection. The idea being that if applicants are at the predetermined poverty level; they will receive a 100% scholarship. If the applicants are not at the poverty level, it will be up to the

Park and Rec Board and Staff discretion to achieve up to a 50% scholarship.

1. Additionally, there will be a hardship clause that will include but is not limited to; foster care, deaths within the family, loss of wages, etc that will make applicants eligible for 100% scholarship.

c. Background Check Policy

- i. There was discussion in regards to a policy being necessary for all new coaches and every 2 years for prior coaches, to receive a background check through Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office. The only qualifier being county employees or school system employees, due to the nature of them receiving background checks in order to be hired.

6. New Business

a. Maintenance January – June 2025

- i. David Payne, maintenance supervisor, attended the meeting and gave a recap on the type of work and amount of projects that were done in this half of the year.
 1. There was storm damage regularly to be cleaned up, meaning lots of tree cutting and hauling
 2. A reservoir project involving the culverts and drainage system on the trail was completed.
 3. A garden bed and compost bin were built in the attempt to begin a gardening initiative in conjunction with Tammy Abernathy.

b. Football Season

- i. The football and girl's flag football schedules will be released on 07/09.
- ii. Girls flag football season began on 07/07 and football begins on 07/14.
- iii. There are 8 football teams; all uniforms have been sorted by team and will be given to coaches over the next week.
- iv. There is a rules clinic for all coaches, head and assistants, on 07/09 at 5:30p.

c. Cheer Season

- i. Coaches and teams have been assigned and coaches have initiated contact via text, email, groupme, etc for planning practice schedules.
- ii. Uniforms are being sorted and will also be distributed in the coming weeks.

d. Swim Season

- i. Jesse Turk stated that his volunteer staff is hopeful to host a Class C district meet in the coming year after hearing from the

region the positive feedback about Pinetree Recreation Center's Facility.

- ii. Our first swim meet was hosted in June and received nothing but positive responses

e. Field Renovation

- i. Field 5 renovation began on 07/08.
- ii. Fields 7/9/10 should begin September and leftover sod from the Field 1, 2, and 5 will be used towards the multipurpose and potential legion field renovations.
- iii. Additionally, nets were ordered for multi purpose field and will be installed prior to the fall season.

7. Comments/Other

- a. Fall ball is not happening, due to field renovations. We will be making a social media post to inform the public with the idea that any questions or concerns will be inquired to staff directly.
- b. Jared Ray gave a recap on the Aquatic Center season; everything is going well, minimal equipment issues and they are consistently reaching capacity.
- c. A question posed by the board to get extra shade structures at the clover field, necessitated by the sun exposure and heat throughout the recent tournaments that we successfully hosted.

8. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made to adjourn at 5:55pm by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Jessica Tardonia.
 - i. Passed unanimously



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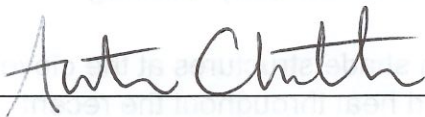
As recorded by Scarlet Shumate.

June 2025 Minutes approved by: Board Members.

Hank Haynes, Chair

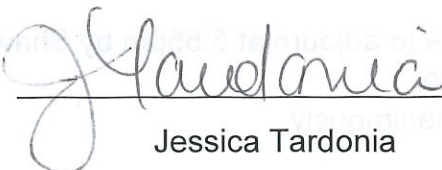


Shawn Boyd



Autumn Chatham

Justin Davis



Jessica Tardonia