



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

October 8th, 2025

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 5:08pm on October 8th, 2025.
 - b. Hank Haynes, Jessica Tardonia, and Justin Davis were present.
 - c. Alan Ours, Tim Towe, Ahmad Kamara, Scarlet Shumate, and Jared Ray were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Shawn Boyd gave the invocation.
3. Recognize Citizens or Guests
 - a. Katherine James.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Justin Davis, seconded by Jessica Tardonia.
 - i. Passed unanimously
5. Old/Ongoing Business
 - a. Scholarship Recap
 - i. Awaiting a letter from the park board to be submitted to the board of commissioners detailing the update of our scholarship scale to be on par with one used by Lumpkin Family Connections. The details of which are included in our previous minutes.
 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.
 2. Hoping for approval prior to the start of Basketball Season. The letter will be presented for the November Board of Commissioner's meeting.
 - b. Field Renovations and Turf Project
 - i. The field renovations are complete on fields 1, 2 and 5. The trees around field 5 will also be cut back in October with assistance from the Road Department.
 1. On field 5, the irrigation system will be adjusted by a few degrees.

2. Lumpkin County Middle School played their playoff games on field 2 and was very complimentary of the updates.
 3. Fields 1 and 2 will
- ii. The rest of the project is on track with the projected timeline. Fields 9 and 10 are ready for drainage.
- c. Old trophies
 - i. We need to make some space in our storage areas which are currently full of trophies dating back to the 80's. Suggestions made for making space were: making a facebook post appealing to team members from the applicable trophy, recycling trophies, auctioning trophies for scholarship donations.
 - ii. We are planning in the upcoming week (10/13-10/17) to get this project underway starting with any trophies prior to 2000.
 - iii. We are also looking into trophy cases to move volleyball, swim and basketball trophies to be housed at Pinetree.
6. New Business
 - a. Girl's Flag and Football
 - i. Girl's Flag:
 1. Our teams won 2 championships with 4/5 of our teams making it to the championships.
 - ii. Football
 1. We have a good chance for playoffs for all 8 teams; this is unheard of. Additionally, we are the only county that had to split not one but two teams due to size. There is one week left in the regular season.
 - b. Cheer
 - i. The season is going incredibly well, with little to no issue being coordinated by Haley Sparks. The cheer bowl will take place on 10/19.
 - c. Travel Tournaments for 2026
 - i. Currently there are 22 tournaments tentatively scheduled awaiting the new rate for rentals after field renovations and construction. Organizations that want to rent thus far are Perfect Game, RBI, GAPGF, and USFA.
 - ii. \$125/field/day with lights of \$100/field/day without lights. We are discussing between \$300-400 and will be reaching out to comparable fields in our area.
 - iii. There will also be a concessions stand rental clause for \$400 to man the concessions stand if we choose not/are unable to staff it.
 - d. 2025 – 2026 Basketball Season
 - i. Registration ended officially on 10/07, with 354 registered. Tentatively, coaches will be picked between 10/06 and 10/10. Evaluations set to take place the week of 10/27. Practice beginning the week of 11/03. First games deciding between Late

November and Early December dependent on uniform ordering dates. No games played between 12/18 and 01/05.

1. We are trying to limit Saturday games.

e. Pinetree Recreation Center

- i. The floors have been successfully replaced and new lines put down. The gym is open again for open gym and went incredibly well.
- ii. The pool heater has been installed, now waiting on other contractors to do their parts – HVAC, gas, etc.

f. Code of Conduct

- i. The drafted parents and coaches code of conduct were read in their entirety to those in attendance at the meeting and final edits were made. The plan is to submit this to the Board of Commissioners prior to 10/29 to get on the docket for the November meeting.

1. A motion was made to accept the Codes of Conduct by Hank Haynes and seconded by Jessica Tardonia, passing unanimously.

7. Comments/Other

- a. Justin Davis suggested getting a pad installed on the gym stage edge prior to basketball season to mitigate any injuries.

8. Adjournment

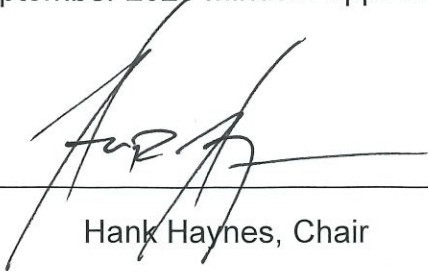
- a. A motion was made to adjourn at 6:42pm Hank Haynes and seconded by Jessica Tardonia.
 - i. Passed unanimously



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As recorded by Scarlet Shumate.

September 2025 Minutes approved by: Board Members.



Hank Haynes, Chair

Shawn Boyd

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Justin Davis



Jessica Tardonia