



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

November 12th, 2025

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 5:50pm on November 12th, 2025.
 - b. Hank Haynes, Jessica Tardonia, and Justin Davis were present.
 - c. Tim Towe, Ahmad Kamara, Scarlet Shumate, and Steve Cuny were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Hank Haynes 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 Hank Haynes, 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. The letter should be received in the December Park Advisory Board Meeting.
 - b. Field Renovations and Turf Project
 - i. There is a foul line at third base on field 9 that will be reset by the project manager and crew which was caught as being just out of bounds by our Field Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Cuny.
 - ii. The entire project should be done in the early spring of 2026, with mentions of mid January as long as things progress smoothly.

The entire crew for the turf and field renovation project has been great to work with.

- iii. There was mention of needing to rename a field so that we do not have confusion between two multipurpose fields, options thrown around included "sports complex" but nothing will be firmly decided until the project is complete.

- c. Old trophies

- i. Our trophy project went over successfully, we got upwards of 6 large trophies and other pieces of memorabilia to their respective homes and were able to clear out storage space that is desperately needed within our building.

- d. Code of Conduct

- i. There are minimal updates to the code of conduct as Tim has drafted it and submitted it to our county attorney. The plan is to go over the code of conduct one final time, at the December Park Board Advisory Meeting.

6. New Business

- a. Travel Tournaments starting in 2026

- i. Pricing Structure:

- 1. The administrative coordinator, Scarlet, consulted on prices with surrounding counties and tournament agencies that have comparable fields to ours, upon completion of our turf project and provided breakdowns for pricing and add ons to agencies for tournament rentals.
 - 2. We are proposing to charge similarly to Dawson County which in addition to charging for fields, pays \$250 for a staff member to be present and supervise and help with the tournament. This is a higher price than we have previously charged but with the new standard of fields, there is minimal dependency on weather due to the turf and they are nearly guaranteed to play.
 - 3. USFA booked a tournament 4th of July weekend and offered to pay \$600 per day for a staff member which led to discussion about an increased holiday rate for rentals.
 - a. The regular rate for all 4 fields at the Clover Leaf, which are classically rented together, would be \$1250 daily + \$250 cash payment from the agency to the staff member present at the game.
 - b. The holiday rate would be \$1800 for the Clover Leaf (4 fields being rented together) + \$600 cash payment from the agency to the staff member present at the game.
 - c. There will be no amendments to the booking daily rate, i.e. if they rent on a Friday but only use it for a

few hours vs on a Saturday and use the fields for the whole day. There will be only the whole day rate listed above, due to the preparation and maintenance and staff presence required regardless of hours physically playing.

- d. Fields 1/2/3/5 will be \$200 per field (in keeping with the standard around us for non turf fields in great condition) + \$250 per employee (with one employee needed for every 4 fields rented).

- i. There will be no holiday rates employed for fields 1/2/3/5

- 4. A motion was made by Hank Haynes, seconded by Justin Davis and all in favor by Jessica Tardonia to adopt these rates for 2026.

b. 2025 – 2026 Basketball Season

- i. Our athletic coordinators had an incredibly difficult time finding coaches for all age groups to accommodate the staggering number of basketball players that we have this year, upwards of 340. There were 43 teams created with teams being slightly larger than we would have preferred.

- 1. To accommodate for this in the little hooper age group, we made the decision to add a 5th quarter to Little Hooper games, only lengthening game time by approximately 10 minutes but guaranteeing play for each player. This lengthening of play time will be done for any little hooper team with 10 or more players.

- ii. Practices have been ongoing for the previous two weeks and will be leading into game time at the beginning of December.

- 1. We did have a small obstacle with having to adjust practice and game time at Cottrell Elementary due to them having after school care until 6pm; we will be factoring this in when making the game schedule over the course of this week.

- a. Ahmad and Haley are planning to have the game schedule completed by Monday.

c. Pinetree Recreation Center

- i. The staff at PRC is working with us to accommodate the practice and game schedule throughout the week and on the weekend.

7. Comments/Other

- a. None

8. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made to adjourn at 6:30pm Hank Haynes and seconded by Justin Davis.

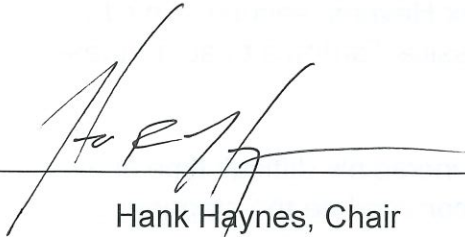
- i. Passed unanimously.



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As recorded by Scarlet Shumate.

November 2025 Minutes approved by: Board Members.



Hank Haynes, Chair

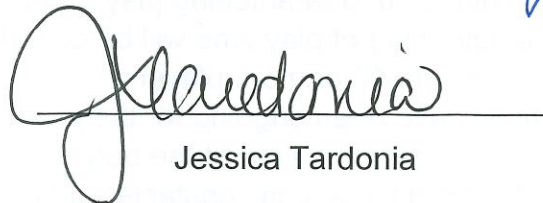


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