



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

March 11th, 2026

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Shawn Boyd, called the meeting to order at 5:01pm on March 11th, 2026.
 - b. Jessica Tardonia, Shawn Boyd, Scott Lord and Justin Davis were present from the advisory board members.
 - c. Ahmad Kamara, Scarlet Shumate, Jared Ray, and Haley Sparks were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Shawn Boyd gave the invocation.
3. Recognize Citizens or Guests
 - a. Katherine James and Ben Tignor and Ashley Coker.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Justin Davis and seconded by Shawn Boyd.
 - i. Passed unanimously
5. Old/Ongoing Business
 - a. Scholarship Scale
 - i. This has been spoken about in depth in previous minutes. Shawn is reaching out to the interim Chair of Commissioners, Jeff Moran, to find out if this can be approved in house. A 50% or 100% scholarship scale laid out in previous meeting minutes.
 - b. Field Renovations and Turf Project
 - i. Ahmad showed recent work on the football field from drone pictures. When the project is complete, we will be working on figuring out a bathroom situation, potentially bathroom trailers. There is no current talk of setting up/building a concession stand at the football field, but a suggestion was made to set up a tent and sell out of that.
 - ii. The primary concern after finishing the project will be obtaining a scoreboard and figuring out parking. The scoreboards could be similar to the Clover Leaf. There IS plenty of room for later development of a building for bathrooms and/or concessions. The

turf field is expected to be done by this Saturday and fencing will come after the completion of the field.

- iii. The turf football field will be a space to host Tuesday night football games, shortening our football Saturdays among several other potentials.
- iv. Justin Davis asked if there was potential to lease to travel soccer leagues.
- v. Public works is supposed to be working with us to put nets up at the multipurpose field.
- c. Review Coaching Code of Conduct
 - i. This will be sent to our advisory board for a final review. The addition of a statement regarding harassing phone calls made to the front desk staff to hold repercussions for parents as well. The advisory board wants to confirm as well that strikes carry from sport to sport and there is potential for a lifetime ban. The goal being holding parents and coaches accountable to their behavior.
- d. Travel Tournaments for 2026
 - i. Recommendation to say "non tournament" on our single game rates on our county fee schedule.
 - ii. Shawn Boyd did suggest Friday rates for ½ of regular field rental rate starting with any fall rentals because rentals have already been decided through the end of July.
 - 1. Tabling to vote on later.
- e. 2025 – 2026 Basketball Season
 - i. The season went great, very long. Two teams made it to state tournament at Madison County. The 8U Boys got third at state and the 12U Girls got first at state.
 - ii. There is a proclamation being voted on for March 7th to be LCPR 12U Girls Basketball State Day.
- f. Advisory Board Decisions
 - i. Hank Haynes was voted back in as chair, motioned by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Jessica Tardonia. Shawn Boyd put in as vice chair, motioned by Jessica Tardonia and seconded by Justin Davis.
- g. Code of Conduct
 - i. This was discussed earlier in the meeting and was listed twice in error.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Report from Pinetree Recreation Center Staff
 - i. 34 lifeguards have been hired, 26 of them being returners. This is a recertifying year, so there are a lot of CPR classes ongoing. The goal is 50+ lifeguards.
 - 1. 15 is the youngest that can be hired at PRC.
 - ii. People are renting party rooms and cabanas for the season.

b. Travel Ball Game Rates

- i. This was discussed earlier in the meeting and was listed twice in error.

c. Youth Football Coaches

- i. Nobody is guaranteed to coach the following year just because they have coached previously. In football, there is a high number of coaches and kids. There will be a team coming together this year that was split previously which creates some tension in coaching decisions because there were two separate coaching staffs. LCPR will work to combine equal parties from both teams of coaches.
- ii. Each grade and team will be re-evaluated. LCPR is very fortunate to have the support of Lumpkin County School Systems and the football program.
- iii. Ashley Coker – spoke to being team mom and wanting to confirm a mix of coaches from both coaching staffs.
- iv. There WILL be a football parents and coach meeting this year with Coach Webb and Ahmad where parents and coaches will read and sign the code of conduct.
- v. All LCHS coaches are wanting to put forth some form of clinic to train up players to be ready for the transition from Parks and Rec to middle/high school sports.

d. Renovations

- i. Renovations will be ongoing May 1 – July 31st; HVAC, roof, internal renovations. PRC has taken on several of our rentals as we have had to cancel.
- ii. After renovations, there will be some changes to our rentals. No longer renting after 7pm to give the staff time to close. We will also be changing the storage capabilities – every group will not be able to store their things here, LCPR needs access to store our things here.

e. Opening Day

- i. Going over itinerary and day of plan. There is currently no projected rain. The LCPR staff has made banners for each team. A snow cone truck will be coming. Little batters and 6U Tball want to play on the tball fields, not at the clover.

f. UFA Soccer Contract

- i. The UFA contract will expire 05/31/26. In the contract, UFA has been supposed to provide paint and they never have. LCPR spends 3 hours on average every week plus 3 cases of paint to paint all of the soccer fields; an exorbitant cost. We will be renegotiating for regular players AND academy players.

g. Fall Baseball/Softball and Travel Teams

- i. Based on our amounts of teams from last year, we are not able to host fall baseball and softball. Fall ball numbers are lower than spring every year and our players will go and play in Dawson or try another sport.
- ii. Need to make note that we are out of space as evidence for more fields.

7. Comments/Other

- a. The new mounds are great. We have had a community donor offer to buy a few mounds.
- b. Ben Tignor – spoke to figuring out where to start to propose developing multiuse trails; paved or gravel for skating or rollerblading or biking. The idea being to create some sort of green space and connection point from the reservoir to the park to the square or something similar. The suggestion made was to create some more data and a handout and go speak at the board of commissioners meeting to get more traction.
- c. Uniforms are very late, they were guaranteed to be in from BSN by 03/11 at the very latest. BSN representative drove in half of the order at 4pm on 03/11 but the rest is planned to come in 03/12. Opening day is 03/14 and they will have to have uniforms. The goal in the future is to not include BSN on our bids.
- d. Cheer uniform cost is up from last year, so is everything else. We will need to keep this in mind as we reevaluate costs at the end of the fiscal year with the BOC.
- e. Scott Lord proposed a ranking system from head coaches at the end of each season to help smooth the evaluation process for each subsequent season. An anonymous google sheet? A spreadsheet shared with staff?

8. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made to adjourn at 6:32pm by Jessica Tardonia and seconded by Justin Davis.
 - i. Passed unanimously.

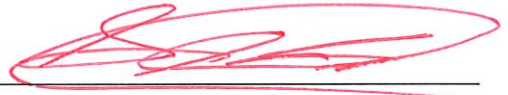


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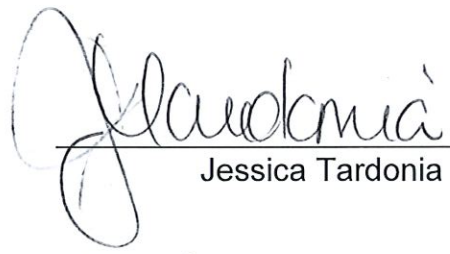
March 2026 Minutes approved by: Board Members.

Hank Haynes, Chair



Shawn Boyd

Justin Davis



Jessica Tardonia



Scott Lord