



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

April 8th, 2026

1. Call to Order
 - a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm on April 8th, 2026.
 - b. Jessica Tardonia, Shawn Boyd, and Scott Lord were present from the advisory board members.
 - c. Ahmad Kamara, Scarlet Shumate, Jared Ray, Haley Sparks, Wylie Spooner and David Payne were also in attendance as county staff.
2. Invocation
 - a. Hank Haynes gave the invocation.
3. Recognize Citizens or Guests
 - a. Sam Kessler
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Scott Lord.
 - i. Passed unanimously
5. Old/Ongoing Business
 - a. Scholarship Scale
 - i. Sent to Melissa and Helen to be filed at the county level.
 - b. Field Renovations and Turf Project
 - i. At "rugby", there is an issue regarding fencing. The fence is 6'4" which is too high and limits visibility. The fencing was supposed to be black but is silver. Ahmad is also worried about the net installation.
 - c. Review Coaching Code of Conduct
 - i. The county attorney and Ahmad going back and forth. The code of conduct is on the BOC agenda and will hopefully be approved by the end of the month.
 - d. Travel Tournaments for 2026
 - i. The pitching area was bare after the most recent Softball tournament. We are looking to use leftover money for turf gripping mats to protect the surface and prevent destruction of the fields.
 - ii. Currently, parking is a deterrent and lack of sidewalk. An update on infrastructure/safety for moving parking at clover. Jason Davis via

Hank Haynes is going to look at cutting in a parking lot to share Clover/Rugby.

6. New Business

a. Report from Pinetree Recreation Center Staff

- i. Jared stated that they are prepared for the season. There have been some insurance issues being dealt with.
- ii. Jared put forth a disruptive behavior policy for review due to adults fighting. There has been some feedback from the county attorney with a suggestion for the appeal process to include the advisory board as a third party.
 1. There was discussion to adopt this same policy for the community center building.

b. UFA Soccer

- i. Wendy from UFA is going to be giving us a point of contact to setup a meeting for the contract renewal.
- ii. Some parents complained to the advisory board about the lack of corner flags but this is a UFA responsibility.

c. Fall Baseball/Softball and Travel

d. Athletics Report

- i. Haley gave the athletics report. 8U boys and 12U girls basketball competed at the state level. Opening day, 03/14, went well. The regular season started on 03/16. Registration is open for summer/fall sports to and set to end on 05/01.
- ii. For girls flag, participants waiting to sign up until coaches have been picked but can't pick coaches until we have teams.
 1. Hank and Shawn are in talks to assist girls flag with Jessica as head coach.
 2. The league is planning to move to a new belt where the individual flag comes off instead of the whole belt.
- iii. Sizing dates have been picked for all sports and posted across social media.
- iv. 2nd and 3rd grade football staff will be picked soon and communicated with Coach Webb – looking to meet and discuss this on 04/16 or 04/17.
- v. Tentative Football jamboree on August 8th.

e. Maintenance Report from David Payne

- i. Maintenance has switched from winter to summer; lots of grass mowing and setting up the splash pad.
- ii. The winter maintenance consisted of burning, blowing, equipment maintenance and trail maintenance.
- iii. The maintenance department prepped everything for opening day.
- iv. They collected trash and cleaned bathrooms.

- v. Splash pad is set to open memorial day weekend; the pool company will be coming in to look at everything prior to opening.
- vi. David also commented that there are no rules posted in the park anywhere and that is something we should look into.

7. Comments/Other

- a. Sam Kessler came to discuss disc golf. At hole 2, there is an issue with the starting location because people park on it. Sam asked if there is a potential for a secondary basket location or for parking to be enforced. Secondary basket would cost between \$300-400.
 - i. It was suggested to move the current basket to a better location.
- b. Additionally, Sam is wanting to coordinate a tournament in June on a Saturday
- c. Advice was given to Sam regarding a disc golf course at Blackburn park, that he would have to propose this at the board of commissioners meeting.

8. Adjournment

- a. A motion was made to adjourn at 1:07pm by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Jessica Tardonia.
 - i. Passed unanimously.

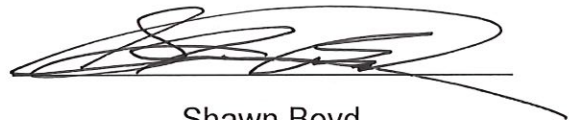


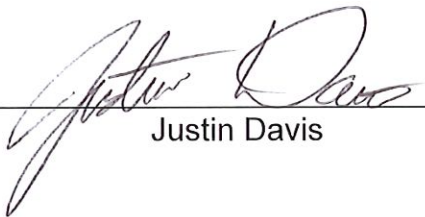
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As recorded by Scarlet Shumate.

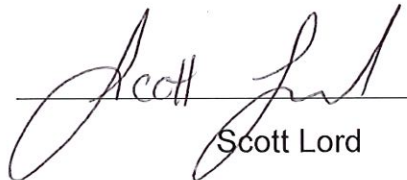
April 2026 Minutes approved by: Board Members.


Hank Haynes, Chair


Shawn Boyd


Justin Davis


Jessica Tardonia


Scott Lord