



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

May 13th, 2026

1. Call to Order

- a. Citizens Advisory Board Chair, Hank Haynes, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm on May 13th, 2026.
- b. Hank Haynes, Justin Davis, Jessica Tardonia, Shawn Boyd, and Scott Lord were present from the advisory board members.
- c. Ahmad Kamara, Haley Sparks, Wylie Spooner, Scarlet Shumate and Alan Ours were also in attendance as county staff.

2. Invocation

- a. Hank Haynes gave the invocation.

3. Recognize Citizens or Guests

- a. Haley Dibble, recently hired as athletic coordinator and awaiting orientation.
- b. Alyssa Bronell, vendor for integrity turf.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Hank Haynes.
 - i. Passed unanimously

5. Old/Ongoing Business

- a. Field Renovations and Turf Project
 - i. The Clover Leaf complex is all good. Assistant County Manager, Ashley Peck, and Commissioner Green spoke with Ahmad on 05/13/26 that the old fencing will be replaced at the Clover Leaf and continue with galvanized fencing at the "rugby" field. There are also intentions to replace the net at the Clover Leaf.
 - ii. Separate renovations ongoing at field 5, the design phase is complete.
 1. The dugout is being rebuilt based on an insurance claim to mimic the field 1 dugout.
 - iii. The Community Center renovations are also ongoing; Ashley Peck, Tucker Green and Courtney (over the design) met to discuss paint/floors/colors/doors/etc.
- b. Code of Conduct

- i. Ahmad emailed the Code of Conduct to Joy, county attorney, and is hopeful to get it onto the June meeting. This is the first time since 2015/16 that the code of conduct has been officially updated.
 - ii. Per this new code of conduct, any strikes carry over season to season and year to year. Any parents currently on probation are aware.
- c. UFA Soccer Contract
 - i. Ahmad met with our UFA Contact two weeks ago and was able to increase the player contribution fee from \$7 to \$15 (the fee that UFA pays us for each player).
 - ii. Within negotiations as well, Ahmad was able to confirm that a rep will be required to attend each month's advisory board meeting.
 - iii. UFA will limit out of county kids, and make sure that county residents are not being barred because of out of county players.
 - iv. There have been complaints about nets and corner flags previously and so UFA will be given a storage area and order a bulk of supplies at the beginning of each season.
 - v. An ongoing issue in Union county that does not affect us but we are aware of, UFA does their own background checks which only go back 5 years. There has been an open records request for our surrounding counties because in Union County, there was a sex offender coaching a team that was not flagged on the background check due to the time limit.
 - 1. Even though this does not affect us, Ahmad will now also be included in the background check process that UFA completes for Lumpkin County coaches.
 - vi. In 2027, Ahmad and the local rep will work together to set rates to be more affordable and use scholarship funds, as currently UFA does not have access to our scholarship funds.

6. New Business

- a. All Stars Baseball and Softball
 - i. The regular season was wrapped up in the last week of April. 14U did not make for the all stars season. There will be 4 teams competing for all stars in the Diaz tournament. There were zero reschedules during the season due to rain, thanks to the turf!
 - ii. 8U Baseball open records request was created for all stars due to one coach being upset about their team. Due to state laws, in the request, all information pertaining to minors was redacted.
 - 1. Each coach votes for 8 best players and roster limit is 13.
 - 2. Park staff and advisory board need to meet to discuss best coaches.
 - iii. This season, teams were very even, probably in part to the changes made to the evaluation and draft process.

- iv. It is the opinion of park and recreation staff and the advisory board that some of the current coaches will need to be reevaluated because kids are no longer the focus. It is hard to find coaches as is but we need to hold a higher standard with development of our kids being the goal.
- v. Every team has 2 hour practices based on coach feedback needing longer for all stars to be ready. The all star season is now 6 weeks.
- vi. GRPA meeting – 05/13
 - 1. District Dates – June 8th – 13th
 - a. 8U Baseball @ Lumpkin
 - b. 10U Baseball undecided
 - c. 12U Baseball @ Fannin
 - d. 14U Baseball @ Union
 - e. 8U Softball @ Commerce
 - f. 10U Softball @ White
 - 2. State will be the week of June 23 with baseball at Madison County and Softball undecided.
- vii. Uniforms have been ordered and distributed.
- b. Report from Pinetree Recreation Center Staff
 - i. Jared was unable to attend but we did mention that 05/16 is a soft opening and 05/23 is grand opening.
- c. Fall Sports and Summer Swim
 - i. Summer swim – sizing with the Rediset representative last week. Jesse Turk (Head Coach) and Ahmad confirming the team based on pass/fail swim test. Uniforms should be ordered this week. District swim will be June 26th at Habersham.
 - ii. For football, we are not splitting any teams yet. Sizing for cheer and football last week has great attendance.
 - 1. The cheer order has been submitted.
 - 2. For football, the league voted to shortned the season from 8 games to 6 games.
 - 3. We are hopeful to play the th and 6th grade teams on Tuesday nights to mitigate problems with long Saturdays, officials and staffing shortages. We are waiting to hear from other counties on the buy in.
 - iii. Girl's flag football has 30 on elementary and 30 on middle. We have found coaches for elementary and not yet for middle.
 - 1. Elementary coaches will be Brett Roach and Jason Hester.
 - 2. We are planning to host girls flag August 1st.
- d. Parking Solutions
 - i. A concerned citizen emailed Ahmad that has a child with special needs who is unable to be accommodated due to the parking

limitations at the Clover Leaf. Additionally, there have been accidents at the parking lot.

1. The main issues being lack of parking and lack of sidewalks.

e. Coca Cola Contract

i. Scarlet found record of a scoreboard sponsorship through Coca Cola from several years ago and reached out to our representatives to schedule a meeting with Ahmad and the Coca Cola reps. They created a presentation and sent over a contract to review as well. Main points being we exclusively sell coca cola products in our concessions stands, they provide and service all equipment and deliver to us.

1. The contract included a 10 year signing period but the county is unable to accommodate this and can only do one year contracts with a renewal each year.

f. Travel Tournament Report

i. We have made \$9,475 since February hosting travel tournaments; \$1,250 coming from renting the concessions stand and \$8,225 coming from field rentals and employee payment.

ii. If we are going to continue hosting softball tournaments, we will need pitching mats for in game which cost around \$1,200 each.

7. Comments/Other

a. Splash Pad has a check with DC pools this week and a follow up inspection with the health department and is set to open Memorial Day Weekend.

b. Justin Davis mentioned a friend that sells pre packaged ice cream, wanting to sell at tournaments if possible. Not currently interested because we sell ice cream in the concessions stand.

c. The stream bank restoration project is still slated to start in September.

d. Ahmad is working with Ashley Peck to get a quote for a scoreboard at "rugby".

8. Adjournment

a. A motion was made to adjourn at 6:30pm by Shawn Boyd and seconded by Hank Haynes.

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