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Habersham County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2026, 5:45pm

Activity Room-Aquatic Center

120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Recreation Advisory Board held a public meeting on Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 5:47pm in the Activity Room at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center located at 120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, Ga 30523

Members Present: Peggy Forston, Keith Deyton, Shelley Tullis, Jonathan Long, Cassie Head

Members Absent: Joe Elam, Angela Haughton

Staff Members Present: Terry Lannon, Kimberly Boswell.

Others Present: Reporter, Northeast Georgian, Zach Taylor

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:47pm by Shelley Tullis.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Peggy Forston and seconded by Keith Deyton and approved by a 5-0 vote, to approve the Minutes of November 2025 Recreation Board Meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Peggy Forston and seconded by Cassie Head, and passed by 5-0 vote, to approve the January Recreation Board Agenda.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Financial Report: Terry Lannon gave department Financial Report.

Staff Report: 8U -14U girls' and boys' basketball are currently playing games.

The Recreation Department is preparing to host the district basketball games beginning February 16, 2026. We will host the State Tournament for 8U boys and 12U girls. Date is TBA.

We are currently registering for our upcoming Spring Sports, (8u-14u Softball and Baseball, T-ball, Coach Pitch, Track & Field, and 10u-17u Volleyball)

New Fitness Programs have begun and seem to be well received. See attached Staff Report/Fitness Center for program details.

- a. Tai Chi is an overall crowd favorite with 42 people attending today (January 22) and had to be moved to one half of the Gray Gym. Alternative solutions are being considered as this class continues to grow.
- b. Pancakes with Santa event continues to be an amazing success.

Aquatics:

- (a) Kayak Roll Class was well attended with 12 kayakers attending.
- (b) Pool resurfacing is planned to begin in early February on both pools.
- (c) We plan to add additional aquatic classes once the pool resurfacing is complete and another aquatics instructor is obtained.

Old Business:

Fees schedules for the new rental arrangements has been tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

- (a) Dewey Tench refurbishment was discussed; including cleaning of the flooring and redrawing the outlines for the new booth spaces. Concern was raised regarding the use of adhesives; such as tape, etc. to be used. Adding gravel and grading is also part as well as beautification. Funding for this project is set to be added to the next fiscal year budget proposal.
- (b) Advisory Board bylaws need to be reviewed and amended. Motion was made by Peggy Forston and seconded by Keith Deyton and passed by a vote of 5-0 to review and make suggestions at the next meeting in February.
- (c) Election of a new Board Chair and Co-Chair needs to be conducted. Nominations for Board Chair and Co-chair should be submitted by January 31, 2026, with the Election to be held in at February meeting.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2026, at 5:45pm in the Activity Room, Aquatic Center.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Cassie Head and seconded by Jonathan Long and passed by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm.

Shelley Sullivan

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