



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 6pm

Conference Room – Main Floor Admin Building
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville GA, 30523

Roll Call

- ✓ Joe Elam
- ✓ Peggy Fortson
- ✓ Cassie Head
- ✓ Angela Haughton
- ✓ Keith Deyton
- ✓ Shelley Tullis

Also in attendance – Director, Brooke Whitmire

Old Business/Minutes

1. Approval of August 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve by Shelley Tullis, 2nd by Peggy Fortson – passed unanimously

2. Old Business

a. Updates on revision Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws

New by-laws were approved at BOC meeting previous night.

b. Updates on revisions to Scholarship Policy

In the beginning stages of looking at these revisions. Examples have been submitted from Director Whitmire from other counties for consideration. First suggestion would be to shift the chart closer to what federal guidelines are. We also need to make sure we are capturing email addresses and asking specifically on the application for how many people are in their household with an explanation of what is considered "in your household." Further review is needed.

c. Discussion on how to handle private rentals at Fairgrounds

There was further discussion on the difference between public events and private events. Most private events last later into the night than public events do. Also in discussion is what options we may have to curtail the noise complaints. Other options given were to require more staff supervision, have someone with a decibel meter, requiring police presence, changing the curfew, etc. These suggestions were written down and a board member was assigned to reach out to the County Attorney to work on revisions to the documents.

Director Whitmire also advised that the BOC has decided to move forward with releasing a request for proposals to privatize the gymnastics program. The only thing they are waiting on is a 3rd party

appraisal of equipment inventory.

New Business/Current Events

1. Written Report – Director, Brooke Whitmire

Fall sports saw a growth of almost 100 participants in sideline cheer and football only. The Fall sports season is going to be huge! All practices have begun. Fall sports include sideline cheer, football, tball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, and volleyball. Director Whitmire informed the group of the challenges the department had with ordering of their sideline cheer uniforms. There were early challenges with the original company selected who did not follow through with any communication after the original sizing day. Therefore, the department had to select a different uniform vendor and re-do sizing. After about a month of our custom uniform order being placed, we received word that the current vendor had an issue with getting the zippers needed to create the custom uniforms, so this pushed the production of our order back. We had to pivot from completely customized uniforms to selecting a prefabricated, stock uniform so that we could still get our uniforms on before our first game started. However, we were able to outfit teams before their first games minus a handful of girls who needed different sizes due to the difference in style of the uniforms.

To remedy this, we are doing an RFP process this Fall to select a vendor for all sports uniforms for the entire year. It is our hope that by doing this, it will streamline and expedite our uniform ordering process moving forward.

Replacements of pool doors were started this week & there was a second approval to also have the doors facing the exterior of the pool area as well. Replacements of baseball/softball scoreboards will start next week. Staff is continuing to work on the RFP for the replacement of the pool deck & bleachers.

2. 2025 Submission for consideration to host GRPA State Swim Meet

We are very excited to have plans to apply to host the GRPA State Swim Meet in the Summer of 2025. Hurricanes parents are helping to gather information needed to complete the application process. The deadline to apply is November 1st.

3. 2024 Remaining Meeting Dates – all held at Habersham County Administrative building beginning at 6:00p

- a. ~~February 20th~~
- b. ~~March 19th~~
- c. ~~April 16th~~
- d. ~~May 21st~~
- e. ~~June 18th~~
- f. ~~July 16th~~

- g. ~~August 20th~~
- h. September 17th
- i. October 15th
- j. November 19th
- k. December 17th

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Upcoming Events

1. September 19th – 21st – NE GA Car Swap Meet
2. September 21st – Boys and Girls Club Car Show
3. September 27th -29th – Private Wedding Event
4. October 4th – 5th – Church Festival Rental
5. October 12th – NE GA Car Swap Meet

Adjourn

Motion by Shelley Tullis

Seconded by Joe Elam

Time: 7:38p Approved 5-0