

MINUTES
Habersham County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 5:45pm
Activity Room-Aquatic Center
120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Recreation Advisory Board held a public meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:45pm in the Activity room at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center located at 120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Members Present: Peggy Fortson, Shelley Tullis, Keith Deyton, Joe Elam, Jonathon Long, Karen MacLeod and Terry Lannon.

Members Absent: Cassie Head and Angela Haughton

Others Present: A Northeast Georgian Reporter, Zach Taylor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Shelley Tullis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Keith Deyton to approve the June 17th meeting minutes and seconded by Peggy Fortson and voted 5-0 to approve.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Peggy to approve the July agenda, seconded by Keith Deyton and voted 5-0 to approve.

5 Minute Public Comments: No public comments.

Staff Report: Each member received a copy of the Staff Report prepared by Terry Lannon, Interim Director of HCPR. Terry summarized the report to members, including that he is currently reviewing 25 contracts/agreements/MOUs. He invited members to call him with any questions they may have, after looking the staff report over, and he would be happy to answer or clarify any questions.

Old Business:

- a. Shelley and Peggy began discussing how rules and regulations were needed to establish how organized teams and those that do for-profit instruction, outside of HCPR operated. The group discussion included standardizing policies for all activities including tennis, pickleball, swim lessons, basketball camps etc., those giving instruction and charging money. Peggy, Joe and Shelley decided they would take the lead and form a sub-committee to work on this.
- b. Members reviewed the 2 Signage handouts in the packet and discussion ensued. It was agreed that each HCPR activity area should have general HCPR rule signage as well as activity specific rule signage. Peggy held up a sample of an HCPR sign and asked if a specific template should be used and if color should added, versus

black and white for cost control. Terry and Shelley agreed that the Signage standardization plan should be added to the same sub-committee that will work on the facility usage rules, since they are inter-related. Peggy invited members to let her know if they had any ideas they'd like to add. Peggy then mentioned the many small white papers being found on the outside Pickleball courts that are not being put in the trash and inquired as to whether anyone knew what they were. Jonathon Long, the new board member, who is a teacher, explained that those kinds of papers are nicotine and coffee pouches that are put in the mouth and then discarded. He explained that they see these at the schools as well, and some of the products go by the name of Zyn.

- c. The new Fee Schedule was discussed as part of the Staff Report, earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

None

Next meeting: August 19th, 2025, Activity room, Aquatic Center, at 5:45pm

Adjourn: A motion was made by Joe Elam and seconded by Keith Deyton and vote was 5-0 to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peggy Long". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.