

MINUTES
Habersham County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, Aug 19, 2025, 5:45pm
Activity Room-Aquatic Center
120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Recreation Advisory Board held a public meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Keith Deyton, Joe Elam, Karen MacLeod, Terry Lannon, and Cassie Head

Members Absent: Angela Haughton, Jonathon Long, and Shelley Tullis

Others Present: Northeast Georgian Reporter, Zach Taylor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Peggy Fortson

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Joe Elam and seconded by Keith Deyton to correct the August Agenda to add "Approval of Minutes" and to approve the July meeting minutes, vote was 4-0 to approve.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Joe Elam and seconded by Keith Deyton to correct August Agenda to show "Approval of August Agenda" and to approve the August agenda, vote was 4-0 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 Azteca Soccer is now contracted and will begin play on August 24th and go through December 14th, 2025.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Discussion began about allowing ½ day rentals for set up and clean up days at the Fairgrounds but after a few ideas were explored, it was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting on September 16th, 2025. Motion was made by Keith Deyton and Cassie Head seconded the motion; the vote was 4-0.

- b) Terry Lannon, Interim Director, shared an update on the Dugout Refurbishment Project; he explained the need for replacement, the disrepair they are in now, no air circulation and the inability to blow out the dust. He felt that chain link would be optimal over the block, that is there now, and the new benches would be anodized aluminum which would be more impervious to any foul weather. Ultimately there would be much less maintenance and last longer. Terry also felt that he might be able to bring this project in under budget. A possible timeframe would be the end of October after Fall ball.

Next meeting: September 16th, 2025, Activity room, Aquatic Center, at 5:45pm

Adjourn: A motion was made by Cassie Head and seconded by Peggy Fortson and vote was 4-0 to adjourn at 6:44 pm.

Shelley Lullis 9-16-25