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Habersham County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Activity Room-Aquatic Center

120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Recreation Advisory Board held public meeting on Tuesday October 18, 2025, at 5:47pm in the Activity Room at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center located at 120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, Ga 30523

Members Present: Joe Elam, Peggy Forston, Keith Deyton, Shelley Tullis

Members Absent: Angela Haughton, Jonathan Long, and Cassie Head

Staff Members Present: Terry Lannon, Kim Boswell, and Kiani Holden

Others Present: Tiffany Young, Seth Vanderveer, Mark Bass, Reporter from Northeast Georgian. (reporter did not sign in)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:47pm by Shelley Tullis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Keith Deyton, seconded by Peggy Forston, and 6-0 to approve the Minute of October 22, 2025

Public Comments: Tiffany Young with Avita wants to use Softball fields for their Christmas Softball tournament on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Terry recommended the Board waive field rental fees, but Avita will still have to pay the field prep fees.

Motion was made by Peggy Forston, and seconded by Keith Deyton, voted 6-0 to allow Avita to hold their Softball tournament.

Seth Vanderver with Trinity School in Clarkesville, GA asked the Board to host 5 home Baseball games for the school. They will pay \$50 for each game for field maintenance and clean up. Field rental fees will be waived for practices. Motion made by Peggy Forston for the Field Rental and seconded by Joe Elam. Motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Staff Report: Kiani Holden presented the financial report.

Tonight, Ms. Holden discussed the financial quarterly report (which is unaudited). The Recreational Facility is at 30% of its allotted expenditures with 32% of revenue collected.

The Fitness Center is at 21% of its allotted expenditures with 22% of revenue collected.

It appears that the budget is on track, and no additional comments were added.

Terry Lannon provided the staff report. See also "Staff Report", attached. Presently all contacts have been completed; 21 of 21 complete. (a) All fall sports are now finalized. Winter Basketball registration is complete, resulting in 52 teams for the upcoming season. It has been difficult to procure enough gym space to accommodate all 52 teams' practices. (b) new programs are in the works in the upcoming months such as new fitness center programs and Aqua Therapy. Aqua Therapy would be a contract program, and an instructor is being located. (c) Mike Bramlett and Terry Lannon met with a contractor to discuss the floor in the Dewey Tench Pavillion at the Fairgrounds.

Discussion included the scope of work which would include cleaning the floor and permanently marking the floor in a manner that would be adequate for use by our long-term renters in the future. Staff would seek out input from these renters as to the size and configuration of the booths.

(d) still working on establishing use of the Gym for HCHS Prom. It is a work in Progress.

(e) Terry to meet with Micheal Born regarding the repair of the Tennis and Pickleball courts.

Old Business: Peggy Forston gave an update on the signs for the facility. We still need to get new quotes. Kiani Holden will work on getting those quotes. We need approximately eight (8) signs. Signs should be .080 thickness and 3x4 in size. Joe Elam presented a Motion to approve the Field Rules and Guidelines for the usage of Park and Recreation fields and Tennis/Pickleball courts and was seconded by Keith Deyton. Motion passed 6-0 vote.

New Business: Terry Lannon presented a proposal to add New Permanent Grills to the Picnic areas at both Diamond Memorial and Aquatic fields. This would enable the Park and Recreation Department to rent out those facilities. It was also suggested that perhaps the aquatic center could rent the facilities as a combination... (i.e... Activity room and gym or picnic area and baseball field. Motion was tabled until the next meeting.

(b) discussion on rate additions and changes to fee schedule was also tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Joe Elam proposed we cancel the December 16, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Peggy Forston. Motion was approved by all

January 20, 2026, at 5:45, will be the next scheduled meeting in the Activity Room, Aquatic Center.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Joe Elam and seconded by Peggy Forston. The Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Shelley Lullis

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