

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025
8:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:06 a.m. Members in attendance included Stacey Clarke, Tommy Johnson, Michael Pappas, Rohit Nanda, Michael Polacek and Assistant Recreation & Special Events Director Harold Layton. Derek White was absent.

2. Minutes

A. March 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Polacek made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025 meeting. Pappas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion

A. PTC 101 Presentation

Layton showed last year's PTC101 PowerPoint, which highlighted the different roles and responsibilities of the Recreation & Special Events Department. There are over 416 acres of active and passive parks within the City. Every 3" x 3" area in these parks are considered potential play surfaces and have to be treated as such. The City has two Certified Public Safety Inspectors on staff - Layton and Chris Helton. Over 7,500 youth took part in the different programs offered here in the City. Last year there was a seamless transition of the management of the Tennis Center from Sequoia to the City. The City is also responsible for the mowing, maintenance, and drainage of all of the athletic fields, with the Associations having the responsibility of chalking the fields.

B. Master Plan Discussion

Clarke asked if it was the group's responsibility to delve into the projects listed in the Master Plan, using an example of the old community garden location. Why put the amphitheater so close to the road? Layton told them that their recommendations are welcome and valued by the Council, but it is ultimately up to the Council as to what and when the projects are completed. For example, the new splash pad will be discussed by the RAG once we get the plans back. Most of the projects do not currently have funding earmarked for them. The funding can come from SPLOST, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), bonds or General Fund. Pappas expressed concern for the proposed location of the pickleball courts at the recycling grounds, saying that the ground material may make the

courts susceptible to cracks. His suggestion is to put the courts near the WASA property.

C. **Homework Discussion**

At the last meeting, Layton tasked them to think about ways to deal with private lessons taking place on City-owned property as well as non-authorized games and/or practices being held on the fields during reserved times. City policy does not have a defined number as to how many people constitute an organization and organizations cannot profit off of the use of City fields. Someone mentioned having fields set aside for public use. Permits should also be required and information about the use and requirements needs to be communicated through The Slice.

Prior to their next meeting, Layton wants each of them to spend 30 minutes to an hour at a neighborhood park and thinking of the answers to these questions:

- What do you like/not like about the park?
- What are the park's needs/wants?
- Is it safe?

4. **Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Clarke made a motion to adjourn. Nanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.



Stacey Collins, Recording Secretary



Erin McDowell, Chair