

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2025
8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. In attendance were Recreation Advisory Group members Michael Polacek, Tommy Johnson, Michael Pappas, Rohit Nanda, and Stacey Clarke along with Assistant Recreation & Special Events Director Harold Layton. RAG member Derek White was absent.

Minutes

A. April 1, 2025 Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the April 1st meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

A. Racquet Center Presentation

Layton introduced the Tennis Center Manager, Curtis Quandt. Quandt told the group that the Tennis Center has 24 courts, including hard, clay, and covered courts. Revenue is derived from three sources: instructional programming, events, and memberships. The money goes into the General Fund of the City. There are approximately 373 members, with membership benefits including reserving courts seven days in advance, discounts on fees, etc. About 50% of the members come from outside of Peachtree City, as the PTC Tennis Center is the largest in the south metro area. In the past, the Tennis Center has played host to several big tournaments including the NCAA Division One Sun Belt Tennis Championships and the NJCA Division Three Championships. ALTA and USTA teams play there as well. Classes and lessons are held for youth and for adults alike. A question was asked about the restaurant that used to be there. Quandt replied that in today's environment, restaurants would find it difficult to survive there. Layton mentioned that there have been several City functions held there including retirements and holiday parties.

B. Drake Field Pavilion

Layton informed the group that rot had been found on the support beams supporting the roof of the pavilion at Drake Field. A design is being worked on to get through the summer and money will be allocated to next year's budget for repairs.

C. Fee Discussion

Layton explained that, starting July 1, the fee structure for City Recreation programming will go from a three-tier (PTC resident, Fayette County resident, Out of County resident) to a two-tier (PTC resident, Other).

D. General Discussion

Layton opened the meeting up for general discussion/questions. He did give the group the heads-up that the City Manager will be coming to an upcoming RAG meeting to task them with choosing between two pickleball concepts to present to Council. A question was raised about whether the group was ready to go to one meeting per month. Layton responded that the maintenance crew and Kedron still needed to come and give presentations to the group, so that decision should wait until that is done, but keep in mind that some members cannot meet in the morning, and some cannot meet in the evening. He also informed the group that all communications between them are subject to the Open Records Act. Another issue that was brought up was the mess left after Night Market this past Friday. KPTCB cleaned up City-owned property but not private property.

Adjourn

The next meeting will be on May 6th at 5:00 p.m. A decision will be made whether to hold only one meeting per month during the summer, with one being a morning meeting and one being an evening meeting.

With no more business to come before the group, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:40 a.m.



Stacey Collins, Recording Secretary



Erin McDowell, Chairwoman