

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman McDowell called the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:00 a.m. Also in attendance were members Mike Pappas, Michael Polacek, Stacey Chapman, and Assistant Director of Recreation and Special Events Harold Layton. Members Rohit Nanda and Tommy Johnson were absent. Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby was also in attendance.

Public Comments

Minutes

A. May 6, 2025 Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Polacek made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6th meeting. Chapman seconded. motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

A. Maintenance Presentation

Chris Helton introduced himself and informed the group of the tasks that he and his crew (eight people total) are responsible for, which include: over 25 playgrounds and tot lots; over 10 nature areas; quarterly inspections of all playground equipment; sanitation and janitorial services for all parks, recreation complexes, and nature areas; over 60 special events annually; the Fred; and any other special projects that are assigned. Pappas asked him if there was anything that the group could help with and Helton said that he would keep that in mind. Chapman was impressed with the speed that Helton and his crew gets things done.

Chad Austin, the Athletic Facilities Supervisor, then explained to the group what he and his crew of six do, which includes: maintaining all grass fields; mowing; chalking fields; tree removal/planting; vegetation and drainage control; and pest management just to name a few.

B. Pickleball Site Plan Presentation

Layton presented the Tennis Center as one possible location of the pickleball courts. All courts would face north/south and a restroom facility will be in the center of the courts. The parking is across the street. Pappas expressed a concern about the number of parking spaces compared to the number of people on the courts at one time. He is also concerned that those playing tennis may use the spots. Chapman mentioned the ongoing traffic issues at that location. Hobby said that the City is aware of those issues. McDowell commented that none of the athletic facilities have adequate parking. She also remarked that locating the pickleball courts at the tennis center would cost approximately \$700,000 less than the location on Rockaway Rd.

The location on Rockaway Rd, Layton told the group, would also have north/south facing courts as well as restroom facilities. There would be no overflow parking issues from the tennis players. As this location is currently the mulch center, Layton said that the City would move the mulch center somewhere else within the City. Hobby brought up the fact that this location was identified in the Rec Master Plan and that more recreation facilities are needed on the southside of the City. McDowell asked Helton if his crew could handle another facility and he responded that it would not cause any issue.

The Chair then opened the floor to public comments.

Adam Steritt spoke of traffic concerns at the Tennis Center location

Sue Reed represented the PTC Pickleball Club, which currently has 665 members. They would love to see a quick decision as 1/6 of their members pay to play.

John Reilly, who lives near the current courts, fully supports the courts being moved as soon as possible. Chapman asked Layton if the current courts will revert to tennis and was told that is the plan.

Polacek asked about the projected completion date and Hobby replied that the City would like to break ground in early Fall, with an anticipated completion date about this time next year.

Chapman then inquired about the timeline for moving the mulch center and was told that a site has been potentially located, but the land still needs to be acquired, which is an additional cost. A cost estimate should be available for the next meeting.

Sharon Conrad asked about lighting at the courts. Layton said that the lights would be on from 5 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. but that could be adjusted.

C. Update Recreation Advisory Group meeting schedule

Polacek made a motion to change the meeting dates to one meeting a month and the day and time would be the 2nd Monday at 8:00 a.m. Chapman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Before adjourning, Layton told the group that he would like them to form a mission statement for the group.

With no more business to come before the Recreation Advisory Group, Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Polacek seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



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Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin McDowell".

Erin McDowell, Chairwoman