

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 11, 2025
8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:08 a.m. In attendance were Mike Pappas, Stacey Clarke, Tommy Johnson, Rohit Nanda, and Michael Polacek. Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby was also in attendance.

Minutes

A. June 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025 meeting. Pappas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

A. Meade Pickleball Site Discussion

Hobby informed the group that after they met last, the bid packages came in very high for the pickleball courts to be located at the compost site. Council decided to use one of the adult softball fields which will meet the optimum distance requirement of 500' to the nearest residence. The bid was awarded to Tarkett Sports. There will be 18 courts with all amenities nearby. The concrete has a 50-year warranty, Hobby continued, and is backed by an insurance company. Polacek asked if there will be a buffer and was told that there would be. Nanda mentioned that the Master Plan called for there to be 30 courts, while Johnson's concern was residents of Senoia coming to use the courts, which is currently happening at the Braelinn courts.

B. Fayette Hockey Club Association discussion

Pappas made a motion to table the discussion about the Fayette Hockey Club Association. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of usage of athletic fields and paths by large groups without permitting

Hobby then brought up the issue of large groups of people playing, what appears to be organized games, on the fields without permits. At times, the soccer fields at Glenloch have up to 150 people with goals, referees, jerseys, etc. He looked at other municipalities and how they handled it. Most do not require permits, although in Alpharetta, groups of 25 or more people are prohibited. Pappas spoke up and said that he is not aware of the need for a permit. Someone else mentioned that tennis lessons are being taught at Glenloch, with the instructor being paid. Hobby replied that there is a requirement to carry a million dollar insurance policy in order to rent our facilities. Johnson asked if it was possible to reach out to Alpharetta and Brookhaven to see their best practices and was told that could be done. Clarke finished this topic by saying that we need to have better signage.

Public Comment

The Chair then opened the meeting up to public comments. Eric Nettleton, a resident of The Gates subdivision is concerned about the potential for the persistent percussion of the ball hitting the Racquet at the pickleball courts. He requested that the residents be a part of the design for the courts. Hussein Rawji spoke up about the use of the soccer fields. He said that, although it looks organized, it is just a get-together of whoever can make it, with it being a great way to meet the neighbors. John Reilly asked that, with public access to the new courts, how would we collect fees from out-of-county users? And finally, Mike Rives reiterated what Mr. Rawji said about the games not being organized.

Adjourn

With no more business to come before the group Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pappas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk

Erin McDowell, Chairwoman