

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2025
8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the monthly meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group (RAG) to order at 8:11 a.m. Others in attendance were group members Stacey Clarke, Michael Polacek, Mike Pappas, Tommy Johnson, Rohit Nanda, and new member Jordan Childress. Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby, Recreation and Special Events Director Harold Layton, and Assistant Recreation and Special Events Director Michelle Johnson were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Deputy City Clerk Stacey Collins handed each member a copy of the Georgia Sunshine Law regarding open meetings and open records. She also handed out a copy of the City's attendance policy for Commissions/Boards/Authorities.

Presentations

A. Kedron Fieldhouse Pool Structure Update

Layton spoke about the "bubble" over the pool being 35 years old. It takes approximately 60 staff members 3 days to put it up and take it down on a yearly basis. Currently, swim teams from all five of the county high schools and one private school use the pool. The Sprung Structure will be permanent and will go from the outside of the gymnasium all the way to the pump house. The design will come to the RAG, prior to going in front of Council. This is a \$ 4.5 to \$5 million project, with the design phase alone costing \$247,500. Polacek asked if the School Board would help pay and Layton replied that they have never done so in the past. Clarke then asked about a permanent indoor pool and was told that it was in the Rec Master Plan at a cost of \$30 to \$40 million.

B. Meade Pickleball Facility construction update

Layton informed the group that ground has been broken for the facility. Construction crews will be working 12-hour days, 7 days per week with the goal being to have it open in March 2026.

C. Meade and PAC L.E.D. light project update

The lighting updates at the Meade lacrosse fields as well as the lower pinwheel fields at PAC have been finished said Layton. There are currently three fields left that are scheduled to be converted to the LED lights. Now the soccer and football associations are asking for lights. Layton told the group that the lights are on from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. With it getting darker earlier, Nanda asked if the lights could be turned on earlier. Layton will have them adjusted.

D. Special Events Update

Family Football Saturday is on November 15th. The Recreation Dept has partnered with the Midwest Food Bank to host a food drive during the event. Some local football players from McIntosh HS and Starrs Mill HS will be in attendance. Layton challenged the group members to come to the event and to bring someone with them. The goal is to have 2,000 people to watch the games.

E. GRPA Annual Conference update

Layton informed the RAG that three staff members attended the GRPA Conference this year. These three, Michelle Johnson, Kim Lindsey, and Chris Helton are working on their certifications, which takes approximately two years. He reminded the group members that THEY are the mouthpiece for the Recreation Department in the community.

Public Comment

None

Agenda Changes

None

Minutes

A. September 8, 2025 recreation Advisory Group Meeting minutes

Polacek made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 8th meeting. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. September 15, 2025 Special Called Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Polacek made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 15th meeting. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

See discussion under the presentation section

New Agenda Items

See discussion under the presentation section.

Public Hearings

None

Member/Staff Topics

1. Cricket Pitch - Still being planned for the Braelinn Recreation Center. LaGrange, GA, will be the home of a new Cricket Stadium.
2. Drake Field Restrooms/Battery Way Restrooms and Passive Parks/Neighborhood Parks - Clarke asked for a clear definition for passive park. Hobby defines it as a park with no organized activities, such as Battery Way Park, although some citizens believe that this park is a neighborhood park and do not want restrooms to be located there.
3. Jordan Childress introduced herself and said that she grew up playing sports here in Peachtree City and is glad to be able to give back.

Adjourn

There being no more business, Polacek made a motion to adjourn. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk

Erin McDowell, Chairwoman