

Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026
8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:04 a.m. Other members in attendance were Rohit Nanda, Tommy Johnson, and Jordan Childress. Mike Pappas and Stacey Clarke were absent. Additionally, Recreation and Special Events Director Harold Layton, Assistant Director Michelle Johnson, and Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A. January 12, 2026 Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Nanda moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

A. Playground Discussion

Layton told the RAG that during their retreat, the City Council discussed the playgrounds and their desire to improve them. They need to be brought up to standard, as we can no longer get parts from manufacturers and have started using local fabricators. Layton is tasking the group to go to the different parks and tot lots and do an assessment as to usage and if they should be redone or removed. Layton gave the example of never seeing anyone at the Braelinn Rd Tot Lot. There should be funding for 11 to 12 of the 16. Nanda asked if they should go individually or as a group and Layton said that it was up to them. McDowell asked if the playground group from years ago had made any suggestions and Layton said that he would look. McDowell recommended that they split up.

B. Mission statement discussion and approval

M. Johnson said that she would narrow down and combine a couple of the mission statements that had been proposed and, once the new member is seated, she would resend it out to the group.

C. Project Update discussion

The final completion of the pickleball courts should be in March, Layton reported. He also reported that the rough sketches for the pool have come in with an estimated cost of \$6.5 million. Finally, he mentioned to the group that the City is looking into grants to add to the \$200-250 thousand set aside to update the playground at Battery Way and to add a one at the Meade Pickleball Courts.

T. Johnson inquired about a list of anticipated projects and budget, which could help with the recommendations. He was told that the proposed splash pad at Pebble Pocket was not going to happen, and the money would help to fund the

Meade playground and to purchase a video trailer. The City is also adding money to the budget for the 4th of July festivities in honor of the Country's 250th birthday. Speaking of the 4th, Layton remarked that, once again, help will be needed for judging at the parade.

D. Tennis Center 2026 Update

Curtis Quandt, the Director of the Tennis Center, introduced himself to the group. He informed the group that there are 24 courts at the facility, consisting of 12 hard courts, 6 covered courts, and 6 outdoor clay courts. There are about 40 teams that play there in the Spring and Fall, both adults and juniors. There is also programming for juniors and adults. Membership has increased by a few members since the City took over running the Tennis Center, Quandt continued, and all told, approximately 200 people per day play there. He concluded by saying that events occur at the Tennis Center monthly, which adds to the "heads and beds" here in the City.

Nanda asked about membership fees. Quandt said that it was \$45/month for Peachtree City residents and \$55/month for non-residents. Non-members can also play there, with rates ranging from \$5/hr-\$20/hr.

Adjourn

Nanda made a motion to allow for public comment. T. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Ruchardson, the Vice-President of PTC Hockey spoke about the age of the boards at the hockey rink and the safety concerns that come along with that. The league would like to partner with the City to get them up to modern standards and to make the rink ADA compliant.

His time ran out while speaking, so Nanda made a motion to allow him to finish. Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Richardson finished by talking about national and regional tournaments that could be held there if the facility was brought up to standards. The visitors would "stay to play", which helps the hotels and restaurants here in the City.

With no more business to come before the group, Nanda made a motion to adjourn. T. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:42 a.m.



Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk



Erin McDowell, Chairwoman