

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

Present:

Charles McCollum – Recreation Commission Chair

Nick Kilburg- Recreation Commission Vice-Chair

Kynthia Gaines- Recreation Commissioner

Bobby Ferrell-Recreation Commissioner

Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation

Mary Catherine Domaleski – Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to order: 6:31 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Charles
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Minutes
 - a. June 2025: request to correct the meeting minutes for item “V. Old Business, iii.v.: “Charles requested that monthly progress reports be submitted to keep the Recreation Commission abreast of construction activities”.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Multiuse Facility Update
 - i) Ms. Godbee reported that the footings for the facility started last week. The curb and gutter, plumbing, and electrical work are schedule to start this week. The recent rained has slowed the construction down but did not stop work from continuing.
 - ii) The rubber flooring at the weight room and track has been changed from “poured in place” application to a rolled type installation.
 - iii) In an effort for the signage at the basketball courts to be more easily changed, The Recreation Commissioners recommended that the graphics will be installed on an aluminum sign in lieu of a “sticker”. Ms. Godbee requested that the Recreation Commission start thinking about what verbiage would be included on the sign. Charles suggested that the sign perhaps read “Fayette County Parks and Recreation Gym 1” and “Gym 2”. Nick also recommended that the gym rules be added to the signs.
 - iv) The Recreation Commission reviewed the layout and location of both the climbing wall and bouldering wall. The Recreation Commission expressed concern that the bouldering wall was only about five feet off the basketball court. They also had several concerns regarding

the climbing wall, including how close it is to the basketball courts, its use could be managed since it's in such close proximity to the basketball court, and how trash/debris could be kept from being collected on the backside of the assembly. The Recreation Commission recommends that the climbing wall be deleted in its entirety, and that an alternate location be found for the bouldering wall.

- v) Ms. Godbee presented two layout options from Vendor #1 and Vendor #2 for the weight room equipment. She has previously circulated layout options from Vendor #2. The Recreation Commission recommends that Equipment Layout 1.0A provided from Vendor #2 be used as the design basis to finalize pricing from all solicited vendors.

b. FY2026 Budget

- i) Ms. Godbee noted that the FY 2026 budget took effect on July 1, 2025. The Maintenance and Operations budgets is approximately \$1 million (down about \$60,000 from last year), and the Capital Improvements budget is approximately \$2.5 million. This includes about 28 slated capital improvement projects. Ms. Godbee reminded the Recreation Commission that the Capital Improvement funds can roll over annually; however, any unused Maintenance and Operations funds roll back into the County's General Funds.

c. Links Park Concept

- i) Ms. Godbee reported that the decision was made to move the walking area outside of the mitigation area. The observation deck would remain in the mitigation area.
- ii) Nick questioned who would be responsible for the long-term maintenance of mitigation area. Ms. Godbee stated that Southern Conservation Trust would be the third party that serves as entity that would maintain this site.

VI. New Business

a. Lapel Pins

- i) Ms. Godbee reported that there has been a request for the County to provide "trading pins" for the associations to trade when attending national tournaments. Charles recommended creating a generic design that captures all sports represented in the County's Parks Department.

b. Physicals

- i) Ms. Godbee mentioned that one of the associations questioned whether the County Parks Department would support their decision to make sports physicals mandatory for any person participation in one of the leagues. The Recreation Commission does not lean towards making physicals a requirement for participation.

c. Ordinance

- i) The County Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14th. During the meeting, a motion will be presented to change one of the Recreation Ordinances to allow for the assessment of parking fees at Lake Kedron (not previously listed).

VII. Staff Reports

- a. Ms. Godbee reported that the County's Youth Soccer League was one of the recipients for the US Youth Soccer Game Format Innovate to Grow (ITG) grants. The grant includes three sets of goals, corner flags, and will provide educational support through the 2025-26 training year.

VIII. Board Reports

- a. None

IX. Adjournment: Motion- Nick, Second – Kynthia, all in favor 8:01 pm

Next Meeting – September 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM