

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026

Present:

Charles McCollum – Recreation Commission Chair
Nick Kilburg- Recreation Commission Vice-Chair
Shirelle Hicks-Recreation Commissioner
Kynthia Gaines- Recreation Commissioner
Bobby Ferrell-Recreation Commissioner
Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation
Mary Catherine Domaleski – Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
Jessica Walker, Peach State Dragon Boat Academy
Timothy Milis, Peach State Dragon Boat Academy

- I. Call to order: 6:30 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Charles
- III. Public Comment
 - a. None
- IV. Minutes
 - a. June 2026: motion to approve-Shirelle, second by Bobby; all in favor.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Peachstate Dragon Boat Academy (PDBA)
 - i) Ms. Walker came before the Recreation Commission to discuss updates on PDBA's adult sports association recognition request, including the use of Lake Horton for the association's use and equipment storage. Ms. Godbee reminded the Recreation Commission that the Water Committee noted that Lake Kedron was not an option, and Lake Horton was a better fit for the association's use. Ms. Walker made no objections to this.
 - ii) It was also reported that since last year's presentation, another dragonboat group has approached the County to start a separate association. Because of the County's limited facilities, the County could only consider one request. Since then, the competing group has disbanded and consolidated with PDBA.
 - iii) Following a third Water Committee review, PDBA has been approved, under the following considerations:
 - (1) PDBA starts practices in March 2027,

- (2) Practices are one day a week and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a maximum of twenty-two people,
- (3) A “chase”/safety boat is already procured and immediately available for on-water use.
- iv) PDBA also discussed the need for a dock and presented an “Accudock” system that could be installed at the end of the existing dock.
- v) PDBA also requested to use the existing building to store small equipment and safety vests. They also requested space to store a ~40-foot boat storage trailer, which would be fenced off and locked when not in use. Two storage options for the trailer include parking under an existing tree (close to the restrooms) or a grassed area next to the parking lot.
- vi) It was recommended that PDBA provide the manufacturers’ specs to the motorized safety boat storage building and the fencing. PDBA will prioritize procuring the boat and the dock.
- vii) It was also recommended that PDBA also provide temporary signage (i.e., yard signs) that could be installed on the road frontage to direct patrons to the association’s location.
- viii) It was determined that PDBA provide additional information before the Recreation Commission could vote.

b. Multiuse Facility Update

- i) Ms. Godbee reported that the facility’s dry-in was almost complete, but there was a delay in the exterior EIFS installation. The project is still on target to complete construction in September.

c. FY2027 Budget

- i) Ms. Godbe reported that the Parks budget has been approved by the County Commissioners as presented. This includes:
 - (1) Maintenance/Operations (excluding salaries): \$1,260,423. The 22% increase over the previous year is due to M/O related to the new recreation facility.
 - (2) Capital Improvements: \$466,400, including:
 - (a) Kenwood Park Gate
 - (b) Kenwood and Kiwanis Parks safety netting
 - (c) Brooks Park fieldhouse repairs
 - (d) Kiwanis Park Field 7 fencing
 - (e) Kiwanis Park parking lot refurbishment (near Field 7)
 - (f) Kiwanis Park field planing
 - (g) McCurry Park north football pressbox replacement
 - (3) All new staff positions for the new recreation facility were also approved for FY2027. The Buildings and Grounds department will manage the custodial staff.

VI. New Business

- a. Ms. Godbee stated that the new Whitewater Nature Trail is now open and actively being used. So far, only two minor work orders have been submitted.

VII. Staff Reports

- a. Ms. Godbee reminded the Recreation Commission that a public meeting regarding the new McCurry Park playground will be held on Monday, July 20th at 6:00 PM in the Public Meeting Room. A survey link will be posted on social media this Thursday and will be available to the public until July 31st. The Engineer of Record will do the presentation, but Ms. Godbee will confirm if there is a formal agenda available.
- b. Ms. Godbee asked that the Recreation Commissioners start to think about policies and procedures for new mural installation that could be used county-wide.

VIII. Board Reports

- a. None.

IX. Adjournment: Motion- Shirelle, Second – Nick, all in favor 7:19 pm

Next Meeting – August 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM