

Pelham Park & Rec March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Daniela DeLuca Ramona Sewell Jessica Porterfield Melissa Leverett

Kevin Jones Leonard Smith

Brian Cooper Jared Thornton

Not Present: Amanda Ferguson

- Call to order at 501pm.
- Record of Attendance: noted.
- Approval of January 2025 minutes: Kevin motions, Daniela seconds. All approve.

Old business

- Freedom of Speech/Political Zones: city advisory handout discusses time place and manner, how this relates specifically to Park & Rec buildings/spaces, demonstration cannot impede normal operations within the building. Leonard asks about designated area. Park & Rec will have event map including where to set up.
- Review of By-Laws: were submitted to council, they reviewed and passed our recommendations.
- Pavilion Rental: council passed unanimously, 1 available pavilion, with 2 more coming soon. Leonard asks about management on front desk. Ramona asks about numbering each pavilion with a map key being available. This will be for all parks, but mostly city park.

New business

- Citizen Engagement Survey Results, specifically Park & Rec: Parks & Rec ranked high in survey topics.
- Baseball Discussion: Jessica mentions baseballers leaving Pelham Rec sports for travel teams outside the city. 7u has Rec+ team. Club format is high school baseball coach working with (younger) feeder players. Getting parent excitement. Working with High school Athletic Director settling on consistent format for all sports within park. Looking ahead at club soccer as rec numbers are high and club will be the likely next step for our players.
- Director's Report: Marquee connecting to power soon; Disc golf moving forward; Shelby County grading for splash pad pavilions; County will then move to trail work then to Street hockey, followed by pickleball courts at the Sr Center.
- Upcoming Events: Paws in the Park on April 13th. Special Egg Hunt April 15th 5-7pm. Outdoor adventure camp has 2 dates for this summer.
- Jessica asks about expanding flag football to age 12 eventually.
- Open discussion: none.
- Next meeting will be April 16th, 2025 at 5pm.
- Meeting ended at 607pm.