

## Pelham Park & Rec April Meeting Minutes

Present:

Daniela DeLuca	Ramona Sewell	Jessica Porterfield	Amanda Ferguson
Melissa Leverett	Leonard Smith	Kevin Jones	

Brian Cooper

Not Present: Emery Plunkett

- Call to order at 5pm.
- Record of Attendance: noted.
- Approval of minutes: Jessica motions to approve, Kevin seconds, all approve.
- Old business: none.  
New business  
Racquet Club Update: request moved to May 2026.
- Football Discussion: Jessica mentions increasing numbers so that grades do not have to be combined. Parents are not wanting their kid to play up. Can we mandate the guardian helmets? Open to marketing ideas. Ramona mentions open house/meet our coaches/football interest meeting promotion. Strategizing with schools how to register more kids. Experienced coaches/schools help with coach clinic.
- East Side of Town Programming Discussion: Ramona asks if Senior Center could be used in off-senior hours for regular programming. Amanda mentions maybe Fungo improvements would help.
- Art in the Park Discussion: Daniela mentions using student artists displaying within the park. Interested to see what other Recs may be doing? Voluntary whoever wants to display. Amanda mentions an art walk along PRC campus/roadway. Campus 124 halls.
- Director's update: Thanks for coming out to Travolta and Paws in the Park! 3550 rec members! 1399 Senior members! Senior center programming continues to grow. Phase 1 ball project moving along. Phase 2 will remove field 1, changing over to turf and a 3 field play. Coker Park new walk path complete, new signage coming! Splash Pad being resurfaced, staff doing a fabulous job! Met with county about getting trails in blueberry hill area. Paul Revere run this week and then other 250 events scheduled through mid-summer.
- Open discussion: Leonard asks about Fungo and Coker parks connecting, it's a down the way thought. Leonard asks about final stretch of greenway trail, land acquisition is in process! Park and Rec Foundation-non-profit is established, applied through state. Amanda asks about baseball switching leagues- boys are doing ok, girls have struggled, working through that. Ramona mentions updating P&R page on city website.
- Kayla Self(in attendance) thanks the dept for the egg hunt, mentions the need for these type events is great, add a fall event? Brian notes not overworking staff and expecting too many events out of each. Ramona mentions a community data base of volunteers? Katie Harrison(in attendance) says Pelham in the Park on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5pm.
- Next meeting will be May 20, 2025 at 5pm.
- Meeting ended at 6:12pm.