

MINUTES

Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board/Little League Board Department of Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/Little League Board met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Upon a call the following members were present:

Linda Long, Johnny Coffman, Bob Miller, Larry Rhodes, and Moises Contreras

Upon a roll call the following members were absent: Mary Scudder and Ron Starr

The following guests and staff members were present:

Matt Siniard, Derek Phillips, Reya Ingraham-Curtiss, Leah Goins, and Anthony Raper.

The following decisions were made and ordered as part of the records of the Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/ Little League Board.

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12:03pm- Minutes for the called meeting held on December 9, 2025, were handed out and reviewed with no changes suggested.

Motion made by Johnny Coffman, seconded by Larry Rhodes to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Special Guest – Daniel Earp – 12:05pm

Daniel Earp joined the meeting to present his presentation on suggested All-Stars changes. He focused on ideas to improve the league and proposed that it starts by elevating the All-Stars program. His first suggestion was to have the coach of the All-Stars team be selected by vote rather than automatic appointment based on games won. He also suggested having the All-Stars tryouts on the first available weekend possible and selecting players based on a rubric scale. Johnny Coffman moved to adopt the suggestions Daniel Earp presented, seconded by Larry Rhodes. Motion carried.

Facility Rentals for Athens Parks & Recreation Fields - 12:30pm

Director, Matt Siniard, updated the committee on the progress of the turf installation at Athens Regional Park. Because of the turf installation, Matt proposed increasing the rental fees on all City fields as it has not been increased in several years. Matt suggested increasing the Athens Regional Park fields from \$5/hour to \$25/hour and every other field from \$5/ hour to \$15/hour. Moises Contreras moved to increase field rentals, seconded by Johnny Coffman. Motion carried.

Athens Regional Park Red Brick House - 12:50pm

Matt updated the committee on the bid meeting for the interior and exterior renovation of the red brick house at Athens Regional Park. He informed members that the City Council would make a decision at the City Council Meeting in January.

Replacing Shellie Stephens on the Little League Board with Leah Goins – 1pm

Larry Rhodes motioned to replace Shellie Stephens with Leah Goins, seconded by Moises Contreras. Motion carried.

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REPORTS

2025-2026 Youth Basketball Report – Derek Phillips – 1:05pm

Derek presented the 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Reports to the board noting that participation continues to grow. From last season to the current, it grew 200 players to 257.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.