

2023 SPLOST Parks & Recreation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 12th, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

Johnson Park, Conyers, GA

1. **Call to Order:** Tanya A. Cobbs (Parks & Rec Subcommittee Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:07pm

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: Bill Hughey, Mary Greco, and Sandra Weatherly, John Spek, Charles Staples, Tanya Cobb, Robin Berry, Joy Douglass, Shawn Bilak,

County Staff: Christine Carney (Director Parks and Rec) Olandria Bing (Operations Manager) Dominick Villano (Deputy Director of General Services) Mariah Jester (Project Coordinator General Services)

Guests: N/A

Not Present: Josh Bettenhausen, Jeffery A Spencer, Sandra Weatherly

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Approved unanimously
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved unanimously.
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** Tanya Cobbs (Parks & Rec Subcommittee Chair) welcomed Parks & Recreation Director Christine Carney and announced the Johnson Park ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for January 13 at 4:30 p.m.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Lorraine Park:**
Dominick Villano (Deputy Director of General Services) reported that overlook repairs are complete, new fencing will be installed on the pedestrian bridge, and turf installation is scheduled for the following week. Once work is complete, the park will reopen. Public notice will be issued.
 - b) **Wheeler Park Update:**
Dominick Villano (Deputy Director of General Services) reported that the new restroom has been delivered and electrical for the restroom is in place but still needs connecting concrete to sidewalk. The old restroom has been relocated along the walking path, and power is in place, still working to make final water and sewer connections. Director Carney noted the disc golf course has been cleaned up and reopened.
 - c) **Johnson Park Playground:**
Director Carney reported a successful soft opening of the new playground. A new canopy has been installed over the old playground, which will receive future improvements. Work will begin when weather permits; no completion date has been set.
6. **New Business:**
 - a) Dominick Villano provided an update on the Wheeler Park Skatepark and Splash Pad. He reported that the project is currently awaiting approval of the splash pad permit. In the meantime, work is ongoing at the skatepark, and wooden framing is now in place, shaping the structure of the skatepark, which is visible when passing by the site.
 - b) Deputy Director Villano reported work has begun on softball buildings, including roofing, plexiglass, electrical, and plumbing upgrades. Field netting responsibilities will be reviewed by Robin Berry through the association MOU and discussed at the next meeting. Lighting improvements were identified as a priority, and sufficient budget is available to move forward with a bid.
 - c) General Services Deputy Director Dominick Villano reviewed the updated priority list, which was approved at the previous meeting. He discussed the items that were added to the list as well as those that were removed.

7. **Public Comment:** *N/A*

8. **SPLOST Member Comments:** *N/A*

9. **Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn was at 5:59pm.*

a. **Next meeting:** *April 13th, 2026, 5:00 pm at Johnson Park*

Approved:

SPLOST Subcommittee Chair

Date