

**2023 SPLOST Parks & Recreation
Subcommittee MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 28th , 2026

**– 5:00 P.M. Johnson Park,
Conyers, GA**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Joy Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:09pm

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: Mary Greco, Tanya Cobb, Robin Berry, Joy Douglas, Sandra Weatherly, Charles Staples

County Staff: Mariah Jester (General Services), Ariana Nava (General Services)

Guests: N/A

Not Present: Josh Bettenhausen, Jeffery A Spencer, Bill Hughey, Shawn Bilak

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Approved 1. Sandra Weatherly 2. Robin Berry
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved 1. Mary Greco 2. Robin Berry
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** N/A
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Wheeler Park Update:**

Mariah Jester, General Services, provided an update on Wheeler Park. The splash pad is approximately 60% complete, and the skate park ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Mary Greco asked about the splash pad capacity, and Mariah Jester stated that the capacity is 90 individuals. Committee members raised questions regarding splash pad safety and monitoring. It was noted that questions related to operations and monitoring would need to be addressed by the Parks Director or Deputy Director, neither of whom were in attendance.
 - b) **Earl O'Neal Complex Lights & Project Update:**

Mariah Jester provided an update on the Earl O'Neal Complex projects. The lighting pricing has been received and is moving forward for Board approval. The softball portion of the project is substantially complete, with lighting remaining. Football facility upgrades have begun and are currently underway.
6. **New Business:**
 - a) **2017 SPLOST Projects Review:**

Mariah Jester reported that the only remaining Parks and Recreation project from the 2017 SPLOST program is the Rockdale River Trail project. The funds have been allocated and largely expended. Mary Greco stated that approximately \$1,629 remains in the 2017 SPLOST Parks

allocation and that approximately \$242,000 has already been obligated. Joy Douglas asked about the South Senior Satellite project. Mariah Jester stated that Parks and Recreation staff, along with General Services staff, have begun reviewing potential properties for the future senior satellite facility.

b) **Overages Wish list:**

Chair Tanya Cobb asked about potential overage projects. Mariah Jester explained that overage funding is typically applied to Priority 2 and Priority 3 projects. The subcommittee discussed potential projects and agreed that Lakeview Estates improvements and Pine Log site clearing and stream protection should be considered if overage funds become available. Committee members emphasized the importance of the Lakeview Estates project and discussed the need for a comprehensive parks assessment to identify improvement needs throughout the county. The discussion included evaluating ADA accessibility, benches, playground refreshes, and other park amenities. The committee requested that Parks and Recreation and General Services staff develop a list of recommended improvements and present it to the Parks & Recreation SPLOST Subcommittee for review. Once completed, the committee may conduct an email vote regarding overage project priorities. The committee stressed the importance of ADA accessibility and inclusivity at all parks and also discussed potential ADA equipment, striping, ramp improvements, and Tennis Center as possible overage-funded projects. No final decisions were made, and the overage project list remains subject to future review and approval.

c) **Project list Review:**

Mariah Jester reviewed revisions made to the SPLOST project list in October 2025. The committee discussed the Priority 1 project list and reviewed changes that had been made since the previous update. During the review, it was noted that the Earl O'Neal Softball Renovations, Earl O'Neal Football Renovations, and Legion Baseball Renovations projects had been elevated in priority. The committee discussed the status and importance of these projects as part of the overall Parks and Recreation SPLOST List.

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

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

9. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was at 6:10pm.

a. **Next meeting:** July 13th 2026, 5:00 pm Location TBD