



City of Warner Robins Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday February 13, 2025,

North Houston Sports Complex

Presiding: Chairman Jay Noble

Board Members Present:

Jay Noble, Sherdan Crawley, Hoy Thurman, Sophia Schmidt, Daryl Vining

Members Absent: Tracy Lemasters, Edgar Carson, Andre Carr, Misty Carnell

Others Present: Michael Harp, Warner Robins Parks & Recreation; Shawn Hodge, International City Golf Club
Assistant Pro/Golf Shop Manager

Tim Thomas, City of Warner Robins

Regular Meeting of Parks & Recreation Board

Call to Order: 5: 10 pm by Chairman Noble

Pledge of Allegiance:

Prayer

Approval of the Minutes from Regular Meeting on 1/16/2025:

- Motion to adopt by D. Vining, Second by S. Crawley, unanimous approval.

Adoption of the Agenda:

- Motion by S. Schmidt, Second by D. Vining

Announcements:

- Misty Carnell has requested to step down from the position of Committee Secretary but will remain as a board member.
 - o Point of discussion brought up by D. Vining with how to proceed, Tim Thomas advised that precedent already set by another board where one individual can hold multiple roles.
 - o Motion made by D. Vining, second by S. Crawley to accept Misty's position resignation and decision for Chairman and Vice Chairman to perform Secretary duties.
- Jay brought up Committee by-laws.
 - o Tim advised that we do not have power to vote any members off, but by-laws state the members are automatically off the board after failure to meet obligatory attendance requirements. Tim offered to notify the Mayor when this comes up and she would act.
- City Council has approved Misty Carnell, Edgar Carson, and Daryl Vining for a 3-year term on the board.
- Tim Thomas will let us know if there will be any further members added.

Old Business:

- Circulate cumulative list of items of interest, Sophia to pull and circulate to the board and status.
- Put on next meeting agenda to review list.

New Business:**Golf Course:**

- Shawn Hodge, from International City Golf Club welcomed by Committee.
- Golf Course is currently trending upward on revenue and rounds played.
- Course had a rough January due to cold weather and snow.
- Shawn has been with the course since 202, brought data dating from 10/1/2024, when city took over the pro shop, driving range, course fees, greens fees, gift cards.
- Course needs capital investment
- Mr. Drinkard, City Administrator advised that course would not be closed.
 - o Irrigation needed, grass on fairway, people drawn to Macon and/or other courses.
 - o Greens are in good shape, despite irrigation issues.
 - o New pipes, heads, control box, etc. Ryan Woodyard is grounds superintendent.
 - o Shawn and Michael suggest \$300,000+ to do things the right way.
 - o Desire to sponsor kids/youth activities, per Tim Thomas
 - o Growth programs, state subsidies
 - o WR Fire Department, Centerville does annual contract with ICG.
 - o Potential memberships with private schools/other organizations
- Cosmetic needs
 - o Public Works has done tree trimming (dead & old), improved aesthetics and playability.
 - o Steps on hole 3 need to be re-done, Jay advised that this is a liability hazard.
 - o Vidalia city his building a new course, clubhouse, and range
 - o Green renovation is struggling, overall age of greens.
 - o Bridge on hole 14 is warping, Shawn is concerned.
- Tim has been asked to get list from Parks to turn into administrator.
 - o Clubhouse landscaping improvement
 - o Curb appeal
 - o Jay suggests locker room improvements, lockers & restrooms.
 - o ADA compliance in restrooms

- Outside restrooms
- **Other Concerns:**
- Hoy Thurman asked if there is allotted money for minor repairs for Tanner Park
 - Track runway needs to be addressed.
 - To get with Michael Harp
- Daryl Vining interjected on the focus, energy, and vision of Mayor, Council, and City Administrator
 - “Destination Recreation” (vision for the city)
 - Improvement Investment plan needed.
 - Track
 - Golf Course
 - Recreation Facility
 - What is the Memorandum of Understanding between City and BOE for use of tracks and courses?
 - Need a relationship between the City & BOE regarding recreation usage.
 - Need fiscal impact study of full-scale events.
 - AAU track event, amenities (Hoy)
 - Golf course tournaments (Shawn)
 - Wellston trail, parks
 - Pickleball Courts?
 - Annual Budget retreat to be held 2/17 at the N Houston Sports complex, open to the public, all day.
 - Budget submissions are due 3/28/2025.
- Michael Harp to email to the board demographic data points to the board
- No Update regarding member access pilot program

Board Comments:

Jay suggested alcohol license at the Golf Course, just changed in October when the city took over the club house.

Order to Adjourn 6:10pm

Next Meeting: Thursday March 13th, 2025, at N Houston Sports Complex

Name: Jay Noble
Secretary