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**GWINNETT COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 10 – 3:00pm**

Lawrenceville Female Seminary, 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville 30046

Present: Lois Allen, Jack Bolton, Steve Flynt, Robert Gates, Charlie Underwood

Absent: Brad Alexander, Gene Callaway, Glen Williams, Eric Meyer

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Bolton Second: Underwood Vote: (5-0) Allen-Yes; Bolton-Yes; Flynt-Yes; Gates-Yes; Underwood-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2017  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Underwood Second: Bolton Vote: (5-0) Allen-Yes; Bolton-Yes; Flynt-Yes; Gates-Yes; Underwood-Yes}
5. Intergovernmental Agreements – City/county SPLOST  
Mark Patterson reviewed the city/county SPLOST project that has been submitted for approval. City of Norcross is receiving \$1,834,908.35 for Pinnacle Park {Action: Approved; Motion: Bolton Second: Underwood Vote: (5-0) Allen-Yes; Bolton-Yes; Flynt-Yes; Gates-Yes; Underwood-Yes}
6. Trail Naming Request  
Mark Patterson reviewed the request to name a trail at Tribble Mill Park after Lloyd Harris, who was a strong supporter of preserving natural acreage for park lands. He mentioned that the 2.2 mile trail would later be connected to the greenway, which would be named the Lloyd Harris Greenway. {Action: Approved; Motion: Underwood Second: Bolton Vote: (5-0) Allen-Yes; Bolton-Yes; Flynt-Yes; Gates-Yes; Underwood-Yes}

## 7. Staff Updates

- Environmental and Heritage Center: Steve Cannon reviewed his report and announced a back to school Open House targeted at teachers. He mentioned that an interactive electricity exhibit would soon be open.
- Parks and Recreation Operations: John Gentry reviewed his report and announced that the Aquatic section won second in the recent Lifeguard Competition. He mentioned that the Dacula Dolphins competed in the State Swim Meet, that YAA football is starting, and that there will be additional badminton and table tennis opportunities at park sites.
- Parks and Recreation Project Administration: Grant Guess reviewed the conservation easement survey estimated expense of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for potential sites Conservation Easement sites of Simpsonwood Park, Alexander Park, and McDaniel Farm Park. Robert Gates asked the next step. Grant replied that staff would contact the commissioners representing these districts and he encouraged the RAB members to communicate with them as well. Steve Flynt mentioned that he thought the Recreation Authority Board members were in agreement that the conservation easements and protection of natural areas was supported. He encouraged members to consider a letter to Commissioners. Grant Guess said he would report at the October meeting where the process was at that time.
- Steve Flynt inquired about the possibility of the Board of Education partnering with Parks and Recreation to get drug abuse prevention and other wellness information out to Youth Athletic Association families. He also inquired about the bridge access and safety concerns at Settles Bridge Park. Mark commented that the bridge is not on park property, it is National Parks Service property. Mark mentioned that the National Parks Service has reached out to Gwinnett County Police Department and Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation for a meeting to address safety concerns in the area. He will report on that meeting at the next meeting.

## 7. Comments from the Audience

## 8. Adjournment