



# BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

1001 SportsPlex Parkway

**April 14, 2026**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

1. A CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Rusty Melnick.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

3. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pickleball Rental Policies

Bailey presented a proposed policy governing the rental of the Department's pickleball facility. The policy centered on restricting the number of tournaments the Department would allow each year to six in order to preserve the free-play use of the facility for citizens. The board approved the policy as presented.

2. Clay Bean Pickleball Proposal

Clay Been, who is affiliated with a private pickleball company, presented a request via phone call to rent the pickleball facility for an independent tournament. The board directed Mr. Been to submit his request through the A-O Tourism for vetting and recommendation which is the normal process for the Department in considering tournaments

3. Biomechanics Research Study

Bailey presented details from Taylor Oldfather of the Auburn University Mechanical Engineering Department to conduct a biomechanics research study on the outdoor walking track at the SportsPlex. The study is designed to observe individuals in their normal exercise environment to better understand joint movement and general biomechanics relative to their exercise habits and goals. Individuals would participate strictly on a voluntary basis.

4. Tony Baker - Walking with Purpose Request

Lipscomb presented a request on behalf of Tony Baker with Walking With a Purpose to hold a back-to-school talent show free of charge at Covington Rec Center, similar to the event he held in the spring. The board approved the request.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Spring Villa Lodge – Bailey reported that the lodge is now 100% complete and ready for rental. The dining room renovation at the Big House is nearing completion as well with expected rental in the next couple of months.

Easter on the Square – Bailey reported that, in the future, the annual Easter on the Square event will be held at Floral Park which provides greater flexibility, more parking, and an overall better environment for kids and families.

5. Next meeting May 12, 2026

5. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.