Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission

Minutes for May 19, 2026

Taft Center for Innovation

Attendance

Commission	Staff
William Fraunfelder III, President	
Paul Porter, Vice President	Leslie Favre Krogman
Troy Bratz	Mark Walter *
Joe Stolitza *	Sharon Mathaios
Art Gold	
Christopher Mehling *	Lakewood City Council, Cindy Strebig
Christopher Ferrone *	

Call to Order:

Commissioner William Fraunfelder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes from April not available for review.

Communications / Public Comment:

none

Coordinator Report:

Youth baseball has over 1,000 kids participating this summer, with games set to begin next Tuesday. A master schedule has been created to track all baseball and softball fields.

Many summer sports and educational camps are being offered this summer. Camp Stop, Camp Can Do, and Kids Connection are all fully booked.

The pools will open: Becks on June 2nd and Foster on June 9th. The high school pool needs to be drained to fix a leak. Private pool rentals sold out in one minute.

The fitness facility will receive new mirrors, and new equipment will be included in the capital improvement plan.

Adult softball has 51 teams, and there are 8 kickball teams.

Paul Porter LCBSA camp notes

Hi all - Quick note of thanks to Vince, Andy, and Chris for all of their work on the baseball/softball clinic yesterday. I lent a hand and chatted with some parents during the sessions and wanted to send my observations below:

1. Great attendance - we had 120 kids over 3 sessions and that may have been due to the awesome weather. I believe this is a marked increase from last year
2. The overall vibe was positive - no major complaints from attendees, kids and adults seemed engaged, did not appear to be any major hiccups or issues with the event

3. The station layout was good - plenty of space for most groups except the one group that ended up being much bigger than all the others. If we needed to do hitting outdoors for any reason the outfield had plenty of space but indoors worked well for that overall
4. Parent Feedback - could we build in 15 minutes between each hourlong session so folks aren't arriving while the other session is ending? The parking lot was crowded due to church across the street and having two cohorts of attendees there at the same time made it even more crowded. Can we make it clear(er) in the email that parents have to participate with their kids and should bring a mitt/water of their own in order to take part?
5. Logistics - maybe having one extra clipboard would be good so folks don't have to wait to sign in, but that wasn't much of an issue save for 2-3 times during the day where there was a short line.

Overall, the event was great and I think having paid blue crew kids there helped. For next year, I recommend having a senior rec department staff member present in addition to the blue crew to help with the logistical side of things so the volunteers like Vince can focus more on the coaching side. Also, it might be helpful to see if school staff can do things like get the cages out of the equipment room to have the facility prepped so the volunteers don't have to do as much prep (though we'd likely still have to move them to where we needed them).

I'll discuss this more at CREC tomorrow. Thanks again to those who volunteered, and I hope this pays dividends as these youngsters start their rec season!

Paul

Old Business

Mike Sambrook has been approved as the new treasurer for LCBSA.

The hummus sale was a great success.

New Business:

Facilities updates: Some stadium lights at Garfield will be replaced. Cove Field needs to be spruced up. New scoreboards will be installed at Emerson and Hayes. Additionally, a new storage building will be constructed at Lakewood High School in the old shot-put area at the stadium.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn was put forth by Commissioner Paul Porter and seconded by Troy Bratz.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 21, 2026

August 18, 2026

September 15, 2026

October 20, 2026

November 17, 2026

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