

Minutes

Brookfield Tax District

29 April, 2026, 7-8 PM

Boiling Springs Fire District, 208 Blacks Drive, Greenville, SC

Tax District members present: Marlene Walker, Jay Sinnett, Pam Sinnett, Jenna Byers, Bill Byars

Representing Brookfield Recreation: Will Davis and Haley Eidson

Also present: John Yarusinsky (grounds keeping), Mary Taylor of Pelham Creek, and Shelley Ferraro

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Marlene Walker.

The invocation was given by Marlene Walker

Routine Business:

Approval of Minutes from Jan 14, 2026 meeting: Done.

Update on grounds maintenance by John Yarusinsky: John informed us that the ligustrums will be cut on the Saturday immediately after this meeting. Jay Sinnett explained that historically the grassy areas at Brookfield that have been maintained by the grounds crew are around the tennis courts and pool, the small triangle by the stop sign at the Brookfield entrance, and at the Pelham Creek entrance everything in front of the fence and in front of the sidewalk. However Jay S. said that our charter states we are only responsible for maintaining the Recreation Association grounds and the "entrances and exits."

Regarding nandinas, John Y told the committee that immediately after the meeting he will look at the feasibility of pulling up these dead roots and will also produce a quote for pulling up dead junipers.

John Y told us he will keep maintaining the same areas as before and volunteered to care for road frontage at Pelham Creek on the side away from the library at no charge.

Mary Taylor said she will let John know if areas he is responsible for and has volunteered for are not getting serviced.

Treasurer's report: Jay S restated that the millage increase came through for this year and it's helping our financial status a lot. Income will naturally drop over the next several

months. He informed us that the recent Duke Energy billings have been more than expected and this appears to be from a rate increase as opposed to an increase in consumption. He also informed us that he has installed a new floodlight on the tennis court side of Brookfield entrance with no splicing needed. Thank you Jay.

Brookfield Recreation report by Will Davis:

Will Davis reported that he has fixed the ATT box. He reported that the process for joining recreation is the same as before but now joining online is also an option. The fob system and WiFi system have both been updated. A phone app can now be used in place of the fob. All signs around the neighborhood had been stolen and have now been replaced.

The ceiling of the pool house had to be redone after it collapsed due to the long-term effects of humidity. This was not a roof problem. The expense was about \$2000, drawn from the Maintenance and Repair funds. Will Davis, along with Haley Eidson, have provided a great deal of free labor in these areas and were thanked by those present. Recreation membership is up to 50 already, and the cost is cheapest in the Upstate. Security cameras have been updated. Gaps in the tennis court have been fixed.

Pelham Road PTA holds a 5th grade pool party at our pool each year and pays the Association. The PTA is responsible for safety. This year the party will be on May 22 immediately before the opening of the pool to members of the Association, which will be at 5 PM. On this opening day the Association will provide pizza and ice cream, and guests will pay \$5 each.

The pool will be closed this year on September 14.

Haley Eidson is the special events coordinator.

A discussion took place about the procedure for a possible increase in the Association's yearly tax allocation which is currently \$50 per house, to be used for maintenance and repair. To increase the allocation (fee) would require circulating a petition.

Old Business: Refer to notes on reports/ discussions re John Y's work and responsibilities as pertains to ligustrum trimming and dying junipers.

Re repairs to Brookfield sign lighting, refer to treasurer's report.

New Business: Annual flowers: Jay S stated that we can now plant flowers at the Pelham Creek entrance because of the mulched areas there.

Marlene made a motion to allocate \$400 for flowers this year and has donated that amount. Bill B seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Will Davis and Haley Eidson graciously volunteered to plant the flowers.

Tax District responsibility for landscaping of entrances and exits: refer to Update on Ground Maintenance and the discussion of those issues. The committee reaffirmed the intent of the resolutions made in November of 2017 and communicated to Pelham Creek landowners by letter, stating our County-chartered responsibility for “entrances and exits.”. Specifically, our group reaffirmed that the Brookfield Tax District is not responsible for the additional work on private property/ easement that John Y has volunteered to do, meaning that he has volunteered this work for the benefit of our neighborhood and has simply informed the Tax District of this volunteer work.

A discussion followed pertaining to issues outside of our responsibility , with Mary Taylor expressing concerns about safety issues involving Pelham Creek, the library (which will relocate) and Brookfield. A related petition was discussed as well as speculation on whether or not the City of Greenville will decide at some point in the future to annex Brookfield and Pelham Creek.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next proposed meeting: September 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Byars