



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
August 27, 2025
6:00 PM
Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall

PRESENT: Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Chair
Mr. Clay Campbell, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Armant, Member
Ms. Joanie Lanterman, Member
Ms. Lilian Marquardt, Member
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation
Administrative Support Specialist

ABSENT: Ms. Judy Siwy, Member; Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member; Commissioner Paul Vilga

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Al-Hoory called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of July 23, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2025, was carried with a unanimous vote, 3 voted aye, 0 voted nay (3 voted aye, 2 abstained from voting, 2 absent)

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Fall athletics has begun and all T-ball and baseball will be played in house. Unfortunately, softball will have to continue to play other towns due to the lower number of participants. A new style of soccer uniform's was ordered and turned out great. Basketball will be the next sport to be played during the winter. The number of teams and total participants must be capped because of the limited gym space and cost.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Golden Years Expo was a huge success with 32 vendors and about 72 participants. The Triangle Crokinole Club attended and a few of the Town's staff were able to learn how to play the game. Humana will be donating 2 game boards so we will begin to host a Crokinole program for seniors.
- iii. Special Events – Held our 1st Movies at the Middle this year with about 30 people attending. Also held our first Music at Mill Bridge at the newly renovated amphitheater and about 90 people attended. We've been asked to assist with a new 9/11 event this year.
- iv. Parks & Facilities – Shelter D will be power washed and some dead trees will be removed at Main Street Park. Just had a fire inspection and the fire extinguishers in all Town facilities have been inspected. Eddie showed an educational pollinator plant video he was featured in and that has been posted on the Town's social media. We'll be selecting 1 architect from the final 3 companies to redesign the multipurpose center at the Farm. Eddie is in the process of greenway and park inspections. Carlton Pointe has some greenway issues. The HOA has made some improvements, but the Town still needs to work on some as well.

- b. Year Over Year Numbers – These numbers were reviewed by the members.
- c. Tree Board Candidates – Eddie mentioned one of the applicants had a different outlook to that of most of the other candidates, since she is employed in the forestry industry in public relations. He thinks it may be beneficial to PARAB to get an alternative opinion and Vice Chair Campbell agreed. Eddie asked PARAB to vote whether to invite the candidate to join the committee. Vice Chair Campbell and members Armant and Lanterman voted aye. Chair Al-Hoory and member Marquardt voted nay. The vote passed with a 3 to 2 final vote.
- d. Wait Avenue Park – The developer has offered 2.5 acres, but did not offer the other land we asked for. Greenway is almost on the opposite side of the land that is being offered. Vice Chair Campbell is concerned the 2.5-acre park will be underutilized. He also questioned whether taking Town funds to maintain a park that benefits such a small population of residents is a wise use of funds. He and the other members suggested looking at different locations for the parkland, connecting it to the greenway, sharing parking with the commercial sites and potentially accepting less land in order to be closer to Wait Avenue.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 901 E Young/Gravity Commercial – Asked members for a motion to request both a bike path and sidepath on E Young Street and Quarry Road, as well as a good pedestrian connection to The Point neighborhood. Member Armant made a motion, Vice Chair Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with 5 members voting aye.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **(Note, this happened at the end of the meeting)** – Vice Chair Campbell wanted to point out that Eddie had done a great job of running the July meeting in June's absence. All the members who attended July's strongly agreed.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Al-Hoory adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.