

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
Centennial Park Recreation Center – Large Multipurpose room

Minutes

Board Members

William Dryburgh, Chairman – At Large
Maria Greenberg – Vice-Chair At Large
Steven Leskovich – District 1
Laura J. Rouse – District 2
Kay Tvaroch - District 3
Robin Cyphert – District 4
Erick Toth – District 5

County Representatives

Tina Powell, Manager Natural Resources
Maureen Broderick, Manager Recreation
Nancy Pizzino, Rec Superintendent
Mike Koenig, Resource Manger

1. Chairman to Announce:

- Anyone wishing to address the board during this portion of the meeting must state one's name for the record and what agenda subject is to be discussed. Discussion is limited to matters identified on this agenda.

Chairman noticed two people – one just came in to listen; and another was asking about a time frame for the Higgs Park Shuffleboard Park Clubhouse, Facilities Department oversees this project. Tina was able to give her the proper information for her to contact.

2. Roll Call

Board members present were William Dryburgh, Maria Greenberg, Erick Toth, Robin Cyphert, Kay Tvaroch, Laura J. Rouse, Steven Leskovich.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2025 – The chairman asked if anyone had any questions? Motion to approve by Erick Toth and Kay Tvaroch. Motion passed without objection.

4. Division Reports

October 2025 – Big numbers in October.

5. Old Business

Hurricane Updates

1. We have received one permit out of two Army Corps for the Sea Wall at the Event Center.
2. Port Charlotte Beach will have a soft reopening of the beach next week.
3. Dugout and Shade replacements have been completed at Centennial and Harold Ave Parks, Carmalita and South County are in process, and free-standing shade is in permitting now but should be completed by March. Integrated Shade coming in next approval by the Board. That will make a lot of parents happy as Integrated Shade is for the Playgrounds.
4. Port Charlotte Beach Boat Ramp we are at 60% drawings and working with the permitting agencies there, this was a Hurricane Ian damage.
5. Englewood Beach Boardwalk – we are having conversations with the Board on some options. We are working on one which replaces about half of the boardwalk; all the walkovers will still be there, but we're

just shortening up the boardwalk itself and then raising it up a little bit so that's the recommendation from the board. We'll have to see how that comes back from a cost perspective.

6. Placida Fishing Pier – we're working on finalizing the contract with that now, we should be getting the technical memo, which will give us options here shortly.

7. Bayshore Live Oak Park – the Board approved our ranking for the design firm and we're actively working on the design of that.

8. South Gulf Cove boat ramp – The Board approved the contractor, so they'll start work on that. I don't have notice to proceed, but it's probably going to be five or six months before that one gets done.

9. We've replaced some fencing and bollards at Hathaway Park. Similarly, we've done that at Darst, then taking care of some erosion issues. Carmalita we've done some fencing and lighting repairs; replaced some disc golf signage. Randy Spence got some pavilion repairs taken care of, trail markings have been completed on the Pioneer Trail, signage at the Disc Golf course at Centennial Park, so we are coming along. And we will keep updating and sharing our information through social media. Our Mid County Library is working diligently restocking thousands of books on shelves. We are hoping for a reopening soon.

6. New Business

2026 Meeting Schedule – Discussion took place and all agreed that having two tours and keeping our regular meetings at 3 pm.

Kiwanis Club Story Book Walk – It's the 100th Birthday for the Kiwanis Mission which is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to the world one child and one community at a time. They have asked to start a Book Walk through our parks starting with two parks. It would be a great time for children and family to read a book and walk through our paths in the park.

Awards Summary for 2025 – Community Services FY 25 Recognition Awards

NACo 14 awards

NACPRO Division Planning Session

EOM 2

ESA's 4

Kudos 405

Parks & Natural Resources

ESA 3

NACo 2

EOM 3

Libraries & History

SWFL Lib.Network 3

Humanitarian Award 1

UF/IFAS Ext Div

Master Gardener Vol Pro

Eyes on Seagrass 1

IFAS Pro-Blogger 1

UF/IFAS Sup Acc Aw 1

UF/IFAS FANREP 3

Soccer Field update: Centennial Park and South County Park Soccer fields will be closed from December 1 to February 1 for maintenance. It was noted in June 2025, for all teams to be aware that this must be done for the safety of all the players. We must rest the fields – at the Board meeting Tommy provided some pictures to show how run down these fields were. We are trying to work out some spaces for practice in open fields. Erick Toth had asked if this closure was only to the teams? The problem is we see other people using the fields. We are in the process right now removing the Goal Posts from the equation. It is a public park. PSA has been issued, and signs have been put up, but it's every couple of days.

Sports Council Update by Erick Toth

1. Reminding everyone to turn off lights
2. Need to give 2 weeks' notice for scheduling a field
3. A lot of discussion as to Background check rules
4. We are getting ready scheduling for the Snowbird Classic which will be around February / March. We should be getting word soon.

7. Member Issues

8. Director's Report

Tommy reported that at this time of the year its wintertime and there are a lot of college teams that will be at our pools. We have 5 colleges, 1 youth team coming in from Canada, and we will be hosting 5 – 6 meets so far that are planned. This was talked about when we were designing the plans of the pool to be an economic driver, and we continue finding success in partnering with the Tourism and the Convention Bureau and these colleges to come back.

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

9. Citizen Input

10. Announcement – Bill Dryburgh, Chairman was kind to give us Chocolates and wished us a Very Merry Christmas and see you Next Year! 2026 Thank you for all you do!

11. Upcoming Events

12. Adjournment

There may be one or more Board of County Commissioners in attendance at any given meeting.