

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Held on February 3, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at Lake Mary Senior Center, 911 Wallace Court, Lake Mary.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Members Present

Robert Boardman – Chair

Brent Tallman

Richard Arndt

Randall Smith

Craig Baumgardner

Christene Maskal

Members Absent

Luis Silva – Vice Chair

Quorum was reached.

Also in attendance was Bryan Nipe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jill Semento, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Gunnar Smith, Business Manager, Events Center and Erica Hall, Administrative Coordinator, Parks and Recreation.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to unanimously approve the minutes of December 2, 2024, with one date correction.

4. Citizen Participation

None

5. Chairman's Report

Mr. Boardman, who volunteered at the recent Shred-a-Thon city event, reported that the event seemed to be a success and noted that he appreciated the after-event report from City Events Manager, Katie Carew. Director Nipe mentioned the appreciation for the help from the Rotary Club and Mr. Boardman requested more notice be provided to the Advisory Board next year regarding volunteer need.

6. Director's Update

Mr. Nipe reported that the Shred-a-Thon was very successful and raised over \$10,000.

Ms. Semento reported on the upcoming Celebrate! Lake Mary event that will take place in Oval Park on Saturday, February 15th, 2025. She provided information about the musical acts and schedule. She reported on advertisements via radio and television, including interviews with local news stations. There will be an additional tent this year for the public in case of inclement weather. She also noted that there is no need for volunteers.

Ms. Semento also reported on the upcoming Run with a Hero event that is a partner event with the Lake Mary Fire Department and will take place on February 22nd, 2025. She noted that the next event will be the Arbor Day Park Party in late April.

Mr. Nipe informed the board about the State of the City presentation that will take place on April 24th, 2025, with a theme of "The Lake Mary 'It' Factor" and will highlight several local professional athletes that have become successful entrepreneurs, as well as local athletic teams that have had recent success.

Mr. Nipe provided updates on several ongoing projects. The pickle ball courts and Crystal Gardens Park are both nearing completion and should be open soon. The new playground located beside the Community Center is planned for an April installation. There will be several pavilions installed throughout the newly developed park locations, including the pickle ball courts and Crystal Gardens in the future. The privacy wall installation at the Events Center will begin construction soon and the concession stand is currently under construction with the new batting tunnels sponsored by Seminole Chevrolet/Toyota.

Ms. Semento opened discussion on concerns over the tennis court and tennis teams by presenting the possibility of charging tennis teams an additional fee to cover the visiting team that does not have membership to the center. She explained that the issue is the lack of available courts for non-team tennis center members who are paying the same fee as the team members. There was an open discussion ending in support of the idea and the understanding that this would be discussed with the team captains to address any concerns.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Member Reports and Announcements

Mr. Arndt expressed that he was happy with the success of Holiday in the Park but was concerned with the condition of the lights on the trees that are left on year-round. Ms. Semento explained the lights and wiring are being replaced this year and Mr. Nipe noted that the lights on the business side of the street are maintained by the building owners. Mr. Arndt also mentioned that the lights on the path from the Sunrail Station are out and Ms. Semento noted this to have it corrected. Mr. Nipe also mentioned that new lights will be installed in some of the new park areas as well.

10. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Baumgardner.

There being no further business, Mr. Boardman adjourned the meeting at 6:35PM.



Robert Boardman, Chairman



Erica Hall, Administrative Coordinator

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