



LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**Lake Mary Senior Center
911 Wallace Court**

**Regular Meeting
AGENDA**

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (4)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2025 Meeting**
- 4. Citizen Participation**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Director's Update**
 - A. Downtown Project Updates: Landscaping, trellis install at Pickleball Courts and Crystal Gardens, grand opening planning**
 - B. Sports Complex Updates: Concession Stand**
 - C. Summer Camp**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Member Reports and Announcements**
- 10. Adjournment**

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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Held on June 2, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at Lake Mary Senior Center, 911 Wallace Court, Lake Mary, FL 32746

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Members Present

Robert Boardman – Chair
Richard Arndt
Randall Smith
Christene Maskal

Members Absent

Luis Silva – Vice Chair
Brent Tallman
Craig Baumgardner

Quorum was reached.

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

3. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to unanimously approve the minutes of February 3, 2025.
4. Citizen Participation
None
5. Chairman's Report
Mr. Boardman requested updates on all Parks and Recreation activity due to not having a meeting in April.
6. Director's Update
Ms. Semento reported on Lake Mary's Arbor Day event that took place on April 25, 2025. She noted that every tree was given away, and the event was a big success.

Mr. Nipe highlighted the State of the City event that took place on April 24, 2025, where good information was shared about updates in Lake Mary.

Ms. Semento reflected on Mind, Body, and Spirit, which took place on April 16, 2025. The event was a continued success.

Mr. Nipe updated the board on several updates to projects Downtown. The three new parks are coming together. He noted the playground next to the Community Center has opened, and there is landscaping going in at Crystal Gardens.

Ms. Semento added that there will be trellises installed at Crystal Gardens and at the Pickleball courts for shade. This will begin in July.

Mr. Nipe brought up the idea of having a walking ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new Downtown Park Circuit. This will tentatively take place on the morning of August 1, 2025.

Mr. Boardman noted that the new Pickleball courts have been busy. Mr. Nipe acknowledged that restrooms are still a concern at Pickleball. He mentioned that there is a sign up talking about public facilities with restrooms in the area (Police Department, Community Center, Lake Mary Museum), and long-term options are being looked at and discussed. The idea of additional parking and a possible pro-shop is also brought up.

Ms. Semento updated the board on the Concession Stand at the Sports Complex. A new roof has been installed, providing more shade. She details the inside has been freshened up, but still needs some repainting. Ms. Semento said the project has reached substantial completion, meaning it can operate.

Mr. Nipe mentioned potentially having a ribbon cutting for the new Concession Stand.

Mr. Gunnar Smith added that a Lake Mary Little League sign is being ordered for the Concession Stand to acknowledge the World Series win.

Ms. Semento took a moment to recognize Parks and Recreation staff for taking time over the weekend to pump water out of the fields at the Sports Complex. This allowed the nine and under Lake Mary Little League softball team to play their game and win the district championship. Ms. Semento added that laser leveling will be done to the fields in August to help with this in the future.

Ms. Semento mentioned that over 80 trees have been planted so far at Crystal Gardens.

Mr. Nipe reported that Summer Camp has started, and every week but one is full. 90% of the campers are Lake Mary residents. Mr. Boardman asked if the Lake Mary Summer Camp is cheaper than other commercial camps, to which Ms. Semento affirmed it is.

7. Old Business

Mr. Arndt expressed appreciation for lights being fixed in the area that had been out for some time.

8. New Business

None

9. Member Reports and Announcements

Mr. Smith congratulated staff on the work done at the Tennis Center, and noted that members have been happy. He also brought up that when there isn't staff at the front desk of the Tennis Center, people have been coming in without paying. Mr. Smith suggested a sign be placed on the counter to encourage guests to wait to pay before entering if someone is not present. Ms. Semento acknowledged this and said that the issue is being addressed. Mr. Smith also noted that he's noticed some members taking more than one ball machine.

Mr. Arndt brought up the Farmer's Market, and he's glad that there's a musician playing again. Ms. Semento reports that there is new management in place for the Farmer's Market that has experience operating other Farmer's Markets, and it all seems to be working great.

Mr. Smith asks what the new construction going up on 4th Street is, and Mr. Nipe informs the board it will be a new medical office.

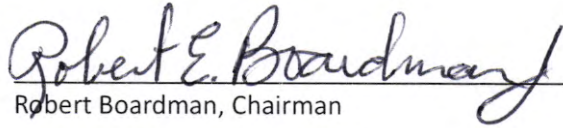
Ms. Maskal opened discussion on the new amenities within the City and suggests posting more on social media to quell residents that may be having concerns about their success, specifically Pickleball. Mr. Nipe notes the Sports Complex basketball courts have been updated to account for not having basketball courts where Pickleball now stands. Ms. Semento recognizes that the new amenities have brought more people to the Downtown area.

Mr. Boardman mentions the walk from the SunRail station to the Downtown area has gotten much nicer, brighter, and safer, but he would like the SunRail to operate later into the evening.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Arndt.

There being no further business, Mr. Boardman adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.


Robert Boardman, Chairman


Samantha Meadows, Administrative Coordinator

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