



LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**Lake Mary Senior Center
911 Wallace Court**

**Regular Meeting
AGENDA**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (4)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2025 Meeting**
- 4. Citizen Participation**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Director's Update**
 - A. Halloween Movie in the Park - 10/17/25**
 - B. Halloween Spooktacular at Crystal Gardens - 10/25/25**
 - C. National Night Out - 10/7/25**
 - D. Parks Improvements - fence at Community Center Playground and Holiday Light Show fixes**
 - E. Downtown Improvements**
 - F. Events Center updates**
- 7. Member Reports and Announcements**
- 8. Adjournment**

NOTE: IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105.

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

Held on October 6, 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 6:01 P.M.
2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Members Present

Luis Silva – Vice Chair
Craig Baumgardner
Brent Tallman
Richard Arndt
Christene Maskal

Members Absent

Robert Boardman – Chair
Randall Smith

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 of the Lake Mary Events Center, and Samantha Meadows, Administrative Coordinator for Parks and Recreation.

3. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to unanimously approve the minutes of August 4, 2025.
4. Citizen Participation
None
5. Chairman's Report
None
6. Director's Update
Mr. Nipe thanked board member Mr. Silva for agreeing to speak at the City of Lake Mary Veteran's Day event on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Nipe acknowledged Ms. Semento as the next City of Lake Mary Employee of the Quarter! Ms. Semento has recently wrapped up several big projects all while throwing multiple City-wide events. Congratulations!

Ms. Semento spoke about multiple upcoming events including National Night Out, taking place on October 7, 2025, saying the weather looks good for it and the event will begin at 6pm, and Movie in the Park on October 17, 2025 ("Monster House"). Spooktacular will happen on October 25, 2025, by the Community Center and Crystal Gardens, with some streets being closed for the duration of the event. There are about 20 sponsors expected for the event, and there will be a small haunted house inside the Community Center. Ms. Semento noted that the location change from the usual Central Park is due to the success of the August Park Party that took place at the Community Center/Crystal Gardens.

Mr. Silva and Mr. Tallman both expressed interest in becoming a sponsor for Spooktacular.

Mr. Nipe talked about several park projects that have recently been closed out or are almost done, such as the fence going in at the Community Center playground and lights for the Central Park Holiday Light Show being fixed by improving wiring and programming.

Mr. Nipe informed the board that a contract has been signed with CPH Engineers to take on the streetscaping and beautification of the Downtown Lake Mary area. The design process is expected to take about a year, and the funds will hopefully be pulled from the Penny Tax.

Mr. Gunnar Smith updated everyone on the Events Center, saying that it has gotten a new wall on the South side of the property, as well as a new roof. Future improvements include new flooring throughout the space and new Rotunda curtains.

Mr. Gunnar Smith noted that it was a solid fiscal year for the Events Center, with an expected ~\$650k in revenue and ~\$550k in expenses. Mr. Smith also mentioned that there has been an influx in Monday events, and the Events Center team has been brainstorming how to market Sundays and other unique events such as baby showers, gender reveals, etc.


7. Member Reports and Announcements

Mr. Tallman reported that a recent event at the Community Center took up all of the surrounding public street parking and asked if a sign could be placed to direct Community Center renters to the lot. Ms. Semento acknowledged the concern and said she will look into the Community Center's rental contract and adjust accordingly.

8. Adjournment

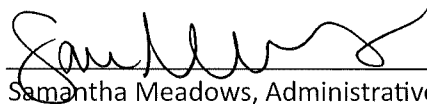
A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baumgardner and seconded by Mr. Tallman.

There being no further business, Mr. Silva adjourned the meeting at 6:14 P.M.



~~Robert Boardman, Chairman~~

LUIS SILVA, VICE CHAIR



Samantha Meadows, Administrative Coordinator