



## **LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Lake Mary Senior Center  
911 Wallace Court**

**Regular Meeting  
AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (4)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2025 Meeting**
- 4. Citizen Participation**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Director's Update**
  - A. Upcoming events - January Park Party, Shred-a-thon, Celebrate Lake Mary**
  - B. December 5 Holiday in the Park recap**
- 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.**

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ADA COORDINATOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 407-585-1424.**

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

Held on January 5, 2026, 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  
Luis Silva – Vice Chair  
Richard Arndt  
Christene Maskal  
Randall Smith  
Brent Tallman

Members Absent

**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 November 3, 2025.
4. Citizen Participation  
None
5. Chairman's Report  
Mr. Boardman expressed his appreciation that the board has switched to meeting every month.
6. Director's Update  
Mr. Silva complimented the Parks and Recreation department on a job well done on Holiday in the Park. Mr. Boardman noted there was a great turnout for the event. Mr. Nipe gave kudos to the whole team for the event's success, adding there were around five to six thousand people in attendance. Mr. Nipe also touched on the event being a good relationship-building opportunity with Seminole County and other local officials and businesses.  
  
Mr. Nipe discussed how the City helped Lake Mary High School celebrate their recent State Championship win by providing a stage for their celebration on the field at Lake Mary High School. Ms. Semento noted that the department managed to put together this celebration in 48 hours for the team.  
  
Ms. Semento reminded the board that the holiday lights will be done after the upcoming Park Party on Friday, January 9, in Central Park, from 6-9pm. She noted that this will be a bigger Park Party than others in the past, and the department wants to emphasize Park Parties more. The event will have a kids market where children of all ages will be selling their own goods and inventions, and the Johnny Morgan Band will be playing music.  
  
Ms. Semento mentioned that the annual Shred-a-Thon will take place on Saturday, January 31, from 9am-12pm, next to the College on Wallace Ct. Mr. Boardman noted that he will be attending along with some of the other board members to assist the operation.

Ms. Semento spoke about Celebrate! Lake Mary, taking place on Saturday, February 14, in Oval Park, from 5-9pm. She expressed anticipation for a larger crowd due to Sanford's Porch Fest not taking place this year. Jake Scott is the event's headliner. Ms. Semento added that Spotify is linked to the event's Eventbrite page, which will hopefully drive more traffic to it.

Mr. Nipe let the board know that Ms. Semento is the City of Lake Mary's Employee of the Year – congratulations, Ms. Semento!

7. Member Reports and Announcements

Mr. Arndt informed the board that he has put in his resignation, and that he intends to keep attending for a short while until a replacement is found.

Mr. Silva quickly noted that he is looking forward to another year on the Parks and Recreation board after his renewal.

Ms. Maskal suggested to the department that the Facebook events calendar feature be used more for City events. She mentioned that the Facebook calendar will remind her of upcoming events, and oftentimes that is the calendar that she uses to plan things. Ms. Meadows will inform the other departments of this suggestion at an upcoming meeting regarding social media and upcoming events.

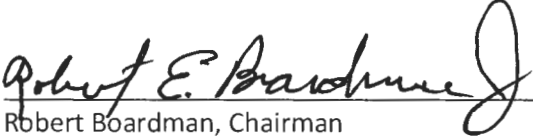
Mr. Boardman inquired about trash pick up over the holidays. He mentioned that where he lives there seemed to be some confusion, and he asked the department to communicate with City Hall and look into the situation to ensure the City and Waste Pro communications were accurate.

Mr. Silva brought to the board the idea of having a larger fingerprint on the Parks and Recreation Department. He suggested adopting at least one City event throughout the year for the board to participate in heavily. Mr. Nipe suggested the Arbor Day event, which takes place every year, and Mr. Boardman agreed. The board decided to talk more in-depth about this at a future meeting.

8. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Mr. Boardman adjourned the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

  
Robert Boardman, Chairman

  
Samantha Meadows, Administrative Coordinator