

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2025 – 4:00PM

City Hall – 3rd Floor – HR Training Room

Present: Michael Odum, Patt Sned, Mary Murphy, Phil Growick, Niels Heimeriks,	Staff Present: Leah Rockwell, Todd Snyder, Linda Madigan, Lorenzo Rivero
Absent: Jacquelyn Taylor, Perry Douglass	Guest(s):

Topic	Discussion / Action / Follow Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by <i>Michael Odum</i> at 4:00 p.m.
	Motion made to approve October 14, 2025, meeting minutes; made by <i>Michael Odum</i> with a first by <i>Patt Sned</i> and a second motion by <i>Phil Growick</i> . All in favor.

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>Leah Rockwell</i> introduced <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> from the Engineering Department. <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> is our project manager overseeing Currie Park, Gaines Park, South Olive, Warren Hawkins Aquatic Center, Howard Park Tennis Center and Community Center. — <i>Village Paws</i> - <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> made a presentation showing the final plans for improvements to Village Paws. Village Paws is located on Saratoga, north of Shenandoah. He said we are \$200,000 short on funding so <i>Leah Rockwell</i> will take to commission a request to move unexpended bond funds to make this project whole. The existing west section will remain the same. The middle section has an issue with drainage on the south side which will be corrected. We are reducing the size of the east section park by ten feet to accommodate the new car park. The shade structure, with a new pad, water fountain and the electrical panel will have to be relocated to allow access to the new parking spaces. A light pole will also be relocated, and additional lighting will be added in the park. We will have a new ADA sidewalk on the south side, which will allow ADA access to all three sections. We have been granted an FPL easement for the ADA walkway. FPL has requested us to move our maintenance gate for safety reasons. We have a contractor on board, and they are ready to proceed with the project. <i>Patt Sned</i> asked what the total cost of the project is, <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> stated it will cost \$450,000.
Old Business	<p>Bond Projects Update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <u><i>Currie Park</i></u> – <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> stated the demolition of the seawall, and probing has been completed. Removal of the trees has been completed. The foundation for the new community hub has been poured. The goal is to have the slab poured in the next two weeks then walls will be built. We met with the IT department two weeks ago to ensure and confirm everything needed was there. All drainage structures are starting next week, which will take six to seven months to complete. <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if the seawall had been demolished. <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> confirmed it has and that the new seawall will be built in conjunction with the drainage structures. Estimated completion of the project is 2027. — <u><i>Gaines Park – Community Center & Tennis Center</i></u> – <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> stated that tennis court work is continuing, and the acrylic finishes and fencing are being completed. Painting will begin next week. Estimated completion of tennis center is early December 2025. The roof structure on the community center gymnasium is currently underway. Once completed the windows and doors will be installed in January 2026. Estimated completion of the community center is in March or April 2026. — <u><i>South Olive – Tennis Courts and Parking Lot</i></u> – <i>Lorenzo Rivero</i> stated the final stages for completion of the tennis courts are in progress and we should be done in two weeks. The middle court will be completed tomorrow. Lining started yesterday on the

other courts. The construction fence has been removed. The wind screens and canopy installations will begin next.

- Warren Hawkins Aquatic Center – *Lorenzo Rivero* stated the predesign process is currently happening with the consultant, and the design has been improved. Timeline for completed design will be in two to three months. Once finalized we will present it to the community for feedback. Once everyone agrees with the design, it will be sent out to bid. *Leah Rockwell* stated she would like to add a lap pool but unfortunately, we do not have the funding. Instead, we will update the pool itself and will remove the kiddie pool by adding a zero entry splashpad pool for play and lessons for toddlers. Construction will hopefully be underway by the end of next summer 2026.
- Brian Chappell Fishing Pier – *Lorenzo Rivero* stated that the pier has been demolished. There is a three-month timeline for the manufacture of new pilings. A report came back yesterday stating that thirty-four feet deep pilings are needed to sustain the weight of hurricane strength wind and waves. Once the pilings are received it is estimated to take two months to install. The barge will be moved by the end of the month. Estimated completion of the pier will be spring of next year.
- The TREEmendous Program – *Leah Rockwell* met with *Phil Growick* and will take his program description to the inhouse marketing team and graphic designer to see if they could come up with something to promote our TREEmendous Program.

Penny Sales Tax –

- Howard Park Community Center – *Leah Rockwell* stated that she saw the schedule of bid items last week and they're being finetuned, once they are right, they will go out to bid. *Patt Sned* asked about the drainage on the tennis courts. *Lorenzo Rivero* stated that we discovered the curb area is retaining water on courts one, seven and two. We have put bigger openings in the curb to allow for more drainage. All courts are now open. *Lorenzo Rivero* stated that we have a new contractor called *Ryan Lauer* from Armor Courts who is maintaining the courts six days a week.
- Dreher Park Playground – *Niels Heimeriks* asked about the status of the playground. *Linda Madigan* stated we are in the process of going to manufacture, and *Leah Rockwell* stated that we hope to have it installed by Spring 2026.
- Coleman Park Community Center and Gymnasium – *Leah Rockwell* stated that the Ribbon Cutting was a great success. *Mary Murphy* stated she attended and she was very impressed with both the community center and gymnasium. Paul Blackshear's family attended the ribbon cutting and were very happy to see the new gymnasium named in his honor. *Leah Rockwell* stated that we are still dealing with issues with some construction and working through them. *Todd Synder* stated we are experiencing a sewage back up in the community center due to tree roots growing through the sewage line. This will also be fixed.

General Fund –

- Gaines Park Concession Stand/Restroom – *Lorenzo Rivero* stated that the roof is being installed on Friday and Saturday this week. Once the roof is completed the drywall and finishes will be done. We estimate completion by the end of this month (November) or the beginning of next month (December).
- George Petty Park – *Todd Snyder* stated that top dressing was done last week and we are continuing to add organics to help with the turf. Nothing can be done on the uneven ground because of the drainage design and tidal valve that was put in to help with storm flooding on Washington Road. *Leah Rockwell* stated she received a request from the engineering department about another tidal valve replacement project from 9th street to Monceaux Park. They want to use Monceaux Park as their staging area. *Leah Rockwell* denied the request as Monceaux Park was already closed for two years for the Washington Road project, and it was poorly put back together. She told engineering that we just had a ribbon cutting with the mayor after putting in a

	<p>new memorial for the daughters of the American Revolution and we have Elizabeth, the tree, at Monceaux Park that we need to protect. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> also stated that she has been approached by developers about adding a playground in George Petty Park. She stated that because of the underground pipes and the lack of space we cannot. <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> and <i>Patt Sned</i> stated that Washington Road is still flooding. <i>Todd Snyder</i> stated that this flooding occurs because of the king tide.</p>
Staff Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <u>Programs</u> – <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated the afterschool programs are well underway. Winter camp will be starting. Soccer season has come to an end, and we are about to start flag football. — <u>Community Events</u> – <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that Clematis by Fright was a huge success and over \$10,000 worth of candy was given away. We are hosting our annual Share a Supper event on November 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasant City Community Center. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> asked the committee members to please let her know if they would like to volunteer by Friday, November 14, 2025. — <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that the sand is about to arrive for Sandi Tree. The lighting for Sandi Tree will be on December 4, 2025. — <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that there will be three minutes of fireworks for the countdown to New Years this year. <p><u>PARKS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <u>Parks Maintenance</u> – <i>Todd Snyder</i> stated that master contracts for landscaping, tree trimming, fencing, bee and critter removal have been finalized allowing us to move forward with maintenance projects. We are also trying to be more sustainable by reusing the sand for Sandi Tree from last year, which has been stored in various locations. We will see if this works and hope it is a sustainable option moving forward.
Board Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>Patt Sned</i> stated that she saw on the news that Lake Worth was considering charging for the use of their bathrooms because they are being vandalized. She asked if this would be something we would consider. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that it is not something we are considering at this time even though our bathrooms are constantly vandalized.
Public Comment	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, December 9 th , 2025, at 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor HR Training Room, City Hall.
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Michael Odum</i> made a motion to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. First by <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> with a second by <i>Mary Murphy</i> . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:03p.m.