

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 15, 2025

THE REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chairman Bobby Ball at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present:

Brian Syford
John Cameron, Jr.
Michael Navarra, Vice Chair
Robert Ball, Chair
Jeff Brabham

Absent:

Maria Mills-Benat (Excused)
Shawn Homes (Unexcused)

Also Present:

Susan Lovallo, Parks &
Recreation Director
Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Manager
Christine Clowes, Administrative
Assistant

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Quantum Volleyball Academy Partner Application - Jordan Gibson

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, explained how partnerships with sports clubs' work, including the application process and the board's role in approving applications before they go to City Council. Ms. Lovallo also reviewed past associations and mutual support between Clubs and the City.

Jordan and Trisha Gibson from Quantum Volleyball presented their program and expressed interest in starting a volleyball initiative in Port Orange.

Ms. Lovallo recommended a partnership with Quantum Volleyball, noting that Parks & Recreation can host volleyball from September to May, as summer space is limited.

Motion to approve Partnership with
Quantum Volleyball was made by
Member Michael Navarra and Seconded

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by Member John Cameron, Jr. Motion
carried unanimously by voice.

3. Bond Update

Ms. Lovallo provided a comprehensive update on several bond projects. Willow Run Park has exchanged land with Silver Sands Middle School, a move approved by the school board to support the construction of permanent school buildings and consolidate city initiatives. Conceptual designs are underway and will be presented at the October 21, 2025, board meeting.

The City is actively pursuing grants, currently under ECHO review, and will offer a QR code for residents to follow project updates. Train cars have been placed on the tracks at the Train Depot, and design work continues with plans expected this fall. The City has acquired two adjacent properties to expand the park, and the Train Depot will be renovated into a Flagger-style Museum featuring air conditioning, lighting, and a public safety office, with restrooms located outside. Design work for White Place Park has been prepared.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo provided an update on various projects, including the City Center Playground, City Center Rehabilitation, Coraci Field completed fence replacement, the Docks Project and Jet Ski Ramp, All Children's Park, and Lighting being funded by FPL for the Skate Park that is underway. Ms. Lovallo informed members that QR codes will be used for project advertising for all projects.

Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Director discussed upcoming events, recreational programs are thriving, Parks and Recreation Month featured several celebrations, and a new story scroll around the City Center Pond has been introduced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS*

John Cameron, Jr., Member, expressed his appreciation for REC Man, describing it as highly creative and enjoyable. Member Cameron, Jr. suggests an increase in REC Man for promotional efforts stating it could help generate greater visibility and excitement around the projects.

New Members Bryan Syford and Jeff Brabham have conveyed their enthusiasm to be part of the board.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:06 p.m.

*See minutes from October 21, 2025 for additional Board Comments

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4. Next Meeting Date: January 20, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.
5. Board Report to City Council: February 3, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.



Chairman Bobby Ball