



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent 1 - Chair Jackomin

Also Present

Staff Liaison Sturgess and Board Specialist Lane.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-2165](#) Approval of the March 20, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member File, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 1 - Chair Jackomin

6. Unfinished Business

- A. [25-2005](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Input From Board Members

Vice Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgees discussed what the Master Plan will reveal.

Discussion took place regarding information on the Master Plan, look into the future of the city, third high school being built, Wellen Park, soccer fields, dog parks, pickleball

court, overcrowding in schools, and loop trials.

A motion was made by Board Member File, seconded by Board Member Stevens, to have Parks and Recreation present a presentation on the scope of the Master Plan. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 1 - Chair Jackomin

7. New Business

- A. [25-2177](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding canceling the May 15, 2025 meeting.

Vice Chair Morgan announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the joint meeting, and reason for cancelling meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Stevens, seconded by Board Member File, to cancel the May 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Morgan, Board Member Stevens, Board Member File and Board Member Gray

Absent: 1 - Chair Jackomin

8. Updates

- A. [25-2174](#) Review and Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department Agenda Items for Recent and Upcoming City Commission Meetings

Vice Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to Kiwanis Fishing Tournament, approval of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications, funding for Hope Park Playground, and an amendment to the Vermont Systems hosting contract.

There was no discussion.

- B. [25-2175](#) Review and Discussion of Recent and Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events

Vice Chair Morgan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess spoke to swim safety classes, book swap, youth sports clinics, community yard sale, and facility upgrades.

Discussion took place regarding swim lessons saving lives, charging entry fees for Freedom Fest, Braves Stadium, discounts, Wellen Park, and maintenance.

9. Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Morgan announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding Drug Free Youth Program update, master plan updates, information from the joint meeting, and user fees.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Vice Chair Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

By: _____
Paul Jackomin, Chair