



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, August 4, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### Special Joint Meeting with Parks and Rec

#### 1. Call to Order

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

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Frattallone, Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Drumm

#### Also Present

Environmental Staff Liaison Kalev, Parks and Recreation Staff Liaison Sturgess, Assistant City Clerk Powell, and Board Specialist Gray

#### 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. [25-2396](#) Approve the June 2, 2025 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair McGowan announced the item and requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Board Member Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Eik, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 5 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Frattallone, Board Member Jackomin and Drumm

#### 6. New Business

- A. [25-2238](#) Environmental Advisory Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members and Liaisons Introductions

Chair McGowan announced and introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding introductions, reasons for serving, length of

residency in North Port, and goals.

**B. [25-2233](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Environmental Conservation Easements of Natural Areas of City Parks and City-Owned Recreation Property

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to maintenance costs, invasive plant assessments, and road and drainage considerations.

Mr. Kalev spoke to the land acquisition list and the property scoring process.

Ms. Sturgess continued discussion regarding criteria for designating environmentally sensitive lands.

Board discussion took place regarding park maintenance, development of a land management plan, minimum property size for environmentally sensitive land designation, use of conservation easements, the roles of the Environmental Advisory Board, Commissioners, procedures for joint meetings, and considerations of property value.

***A motion was made by Board Member Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Frattallone, to review the property inventory list for potential environmentally sensitive land designations. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 5 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Frattallone, Board Member Jackomin and Drumm

**C. [25-2234](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Improved Communication Process Between the Environmental Advisory Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Related to Mutually Beneficial Topics

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item and provided guidance on obtaining information in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Board discussion took place regarding Sunshine Law.

Chair McGowan requested a motion.

***A motion was made by Board Member Jackomin, seconded by Board Member Frattallone, to add a Park and Recreation Advisory Board update to the monthly agenda to be presented by the dual member Mr. Jackomin, or alternate. The motion carried with the following vote:***

**Yes:** 5 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Frattallone, Board Member Jackomin and Drumm

**D. [25-2235](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future City Park Plans and their Potential Community Benefits

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item and spoke to park locations, accessibility, design considerations, gopher tortoise habitat, and public education.

**E. [25-2236](#)** Discussion and Possible Action on Micro Forest Planting Initiatives and Their Potential Benefits for Park Areas

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding the microforest project, including cost considerations, tree integrity concerns, planting timeframe, fire risk, invasive plant removal, selection of native species, and strategies for presenting the information to the Commission.

**F. [25-2237](#)** Discussion and Possible Action on Flooding Susceptibility in Park Areas

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Ms. Sturgess introduced the item.

Board discussion took place regarding the observation deck at Myakkahatchee Creek, and related funding considerations.

## 7. Future Agenda Items

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Future agenda items include Vice Chair election, Tree Fund, scorecard data, tree tax assessment, county or other board meeting minutes reporting, and volunteer involvement.

## 8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 9. Adjournment

Chair McGowan adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casey McGowan, Chair