

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

July 10, 2025 • 4:00 pm
North Brevard Senior Center
909 Lane Avenue, Titusville, Florida

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation were both absent. The election of a Chair Pro Tem took place. Christopher Reynolds nominated Randy Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Dan Diesel. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Dan Diesel led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance stated by all.

B. Roll Call

Absent: Koren Odermann, Bianca Aliamo, Bill Klein

C. Approval of Minutes

Dan Diesel motioned to accept the meeting minutes from April 10, 2025. The motion was seconded by Kevin Rosa. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

A. North Area Parks Operations Staff

Clifford Lett, Recreation Superintendent, provided a report: Summer Camps are at capacity with the exception of the Walter Butler Community Center, which is the largest center. A group of summer camp youth were brought to Viera to the Board of County Commissioners meeting to represent the Fortieth Annual National Parks and Recreation Month. Mr. Lett stated North Area Parks Operations is in the beginning stages of creating a teen camp to provide opportunities for youth between the ages of twelve and sixteen.

B. Advisory Board Members

Kevin Rosa reported that the Singleton Tennis Court has some tennis court lights out. He stated that residents on Robinhood Lane in Sherwood reported weeds are taking over the lake in that area. He offered thanks for the soft ramp at Sand Point Park.

Koren Odermann's seat was discussed as this is her second absence. Mayor Connor's stated he did not feel as a City Appointee that the County rules apply. Parks and Recreation Director Ian Golden stated a number of changes had been made to the Advisory Board ordinance including attendance and term limits. Director Golden stated that he would discuss the issue with the County Attorney.

Dan Diesel stated that he didn't quite understand why this board has gone to quarterly meetings. He requested the Board of County Commissioners address the decision of having quarterly meetings. Director Golden stated as this is the current County ordinance that as staff we do have to follow it. He further explained that there is additional language in the ordinance that allows for additional meetings with a waiver request through the County Manager.

Motion by Dan Diesel to request an increase of meetings per year from four to six. Second by Chris Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously. Director Golden stated pending the County Manager's approval, this board could establish meeting dates during the first meeting of the year.

Mr. Diesel reported that Parrish Park-Scottsmoor was in good shape although the women's restroom was closed and the male restroom was missing the toilet seat. The basketball court was in pretty good shape but needed weeding. Mr. Diesel mentioned there is some confusion using maps when there are multiple parks with the same name. Melissa Renninger, Administrative Secretary, provided that parks are typically named after a deceased individual. Mr. Diesel stated how greatly used the parks are when he visits them.

Chris Reynolds offered thanks for the new playground equipment at Sand Point Park and Rotary Park. He also thanked staff for the condition of Holder Park, W.W. James Park, Fay Park and Space Coast Communities Sports Complex. He stated the fields are in great shape and that staff provided immediate attention to the little leagues' requests. He noted the backstops at W.W. James are bending at the bottom and coming apart at the top and that the benches in the dugout are getting loose. Mr. Reynolds stated the new shade structures on the Rail Trail are a blessing. He recently noticed the fence at Fox Lake Park only goes $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the Park on the far west side. Director Golden stated that area could be a part of the conservation area. Mr. Reynolds asked if Blue Hole Park could be mowed lower.

Randy Rodriguez reported his assigned parks are unanimously looking good. He stated staff is keeping up with everything and there have been a bunch of minor repairs made. He stated that summer camp is going wild at Port. St. John Community Center and they are visiting all over. Mr. Rodriguez reported that Space Coast Communities Sports Complex sponsored the All Stars tournament and the Parks team really stepped up to get lighting, fencing and the grass right to put on a good presentation for the County.

Jeff Ori introduced himself to the board as this is his first meeting. Mr. Ori is retired Airforce and lives in Scottsmoor.

Mr. Rodriguez shared that Brevard County Fire and the Sheriff's Department, during the permitting process for events, are requiring ample egress with more than one exit. Director Golden stated that Parks is aware but easements, conservation areas and wetlands impact the ability to add second entrances and exits.

C. City of Titusville

Mayor Connors addressed the board stating the City has created a Community Events Team to share ideas and assist with the coordination of events. Mayor Connors stated there is growing momentum for a Disc Golf course to be here in North Brevard.

D. Miscellaneous

Director Golden shared that July 18th is Parks and Recreational Professionals Day. He also praised the youth that were present for the National Parks and Recreation Month Resolution in front of the Board of County Commissioners. Director Golden shared the Passport to Parks initiative.

III. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

IV. Old Business

A. Park Assignments

Mr. Ori offered to be assigned to Hatbill Park, Six Mile Creek, Scottsmoor Landing, Parrish Park – Scottsmoor, and the Mims Boat Launch.

V. New Business

Mr. Reynolds has noticed the need of playgrounds between south Titusville (Rotary Park) and the Port St. John area. Secretary Renninger reminded the board of the playground at Tom Statham Park. Mr. Diesel concurs and also mentioned the need for additional walking trails. Mayor Connors mentioned a large portion of these areas are in the area of critical concern and are not able to get permitted through the City. Director Golden added concerns of conservation areas, wetlands, and the use of impermeable surfaces and funding sources. There was discussion of including recreational areas as part of new development.

VI. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VII. Public Comment

Laurilee Thompson offered her thanks for the fencing on the south side of the A. Max Brewer Causeway. This will help protect the new plantings until they are established.

Stan Johnson indicated he is meeting with Commissioner Delaney tomorrow. Mr. Johnson stated his concerns with the spraying of sewage. Mr. Rodriguez offered to relay Mr. Johnson's concerns to the Commissioner.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Rosa. Seconded by Chris Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.