

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Robert Gal, Commissioner
Harriet Balbera
Dina Burachio
Marone Guriel
Lee Korn
Bennett Last
Allan Lowenkron
Kara Mindel (on meeting 8:16pm)
Mario Ranieri
Russell Solomon
Jennifer Weber
Eileen Sarroff, Alternate

ABSENT

Spyro Dimitratos, Deputy

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gal at 7:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Harriet Balbera motioned to accept the minutes of December 1, 2025, as presented, seconded by Marone Guriel, and unanimously approved by those present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commissioner Gal reported that the Board of Trustees approved the 2026 Camp agreement and the rec staff contracts and \$.50 increase in completion sums. The Board also discussed changes to Park fees approving an additional increase of \$10 in daily resident rates to \$25 weekdays and \$35 on weekends/holidays and a \$50 increase in the pre-paid guest card fee to \$150.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gal reported that there has not been any continued interest in running the snack shop from the two different concessionaires that initially contacted him and Deputy Dimitratos. Mayor Hoffman obtained a quote from Tennis Planning Corp for a re-grading the surface of the Har-Tru and red clay courts. The agreement includes adding new material to the court surface and restoring the courts for full playability. An upgrade to the courts' sprinkler system will be addressed as an add on and may become part of the project, if deemed necessary.

EQUIPMENT WISH LIST

A discussion ensued on what new equipment is needed or would like to be considered. Per Public Works, all the steel, round picnic tables in the concession area need to be replaced as they can no longer be repaired due to their age. Marone Guriel volunteered to research other style options for the next meeting. The lounge and sit-up chairs are still in good condition. The purchase of additional sit-up chairs will be considered. Dina Burachio will work on a list of new water aerobics equipment.

SUMMER EVENTS

Movie Night will be scheduled for Friday, June 19.
Tentative Thursday Food Truck Nights will be July 16 and August 13.

A discussion ensued about ideas for a summer, family-oriented event with Culinart at the Community Building. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting with the intention of passing along ideas to the House Committee for planning.

Commissioner Gal reported that Ms. Sorise, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Kern confirmed that they will return as Directors this summer. They requested that prior to daily opening, all scheduled weekend days be on the same full day schedule, 10:30-7pm, starting Memorial Day weekend. The park rules will be adjusted to reflect this time change of the pool's operating schedule.

Commissioner Gal informed the Commission that Kevin Faraci has been promoted to Park Supervisor now that Joseph Barone has retired.

He also updated Kara Mindel on the tennis court re-grading project. The Park Commission voiced displeasure over the fact that Commissioner Gal was not informed about the plans for the project nor was feedback requested from the Tennis Pro or the Park Commission on whether this work is necessary. Commissioner Gal reminded the Commission that the end result will be an upgrade to the clay courts both in added surface material and sprinkler system, as well as the ability to purchase any additional court equipment and other supplies, if needed, as the project proceeds.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30pm in the Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Morrissey
Park Commission Secretary