

The Parks and Recreation Committee

October 14, 2025

Minutes

The October 14, 2025, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, held at Town Hall was called to order at 7 p.m. by Karen MacDowell, Committee Chair.

Members Attending: Karen MacDowell, Ken Walsh, Holley Owings, Ruth Owens, Frank Gardner, Shiva Ramadoss

Board Liaisons: DJ Nelli

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Jennifer Burke

Guests Attending: Jill DeLorenzo- Resident

Resident Comments: Jill DeLorenzo thanked the committee for considering her input regarding the South Riding Center playground.

Approval of the Minutes: Mr. Gardner **moved**, and Mrs. Owens **seconded** to approve the September 8, 2025, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes. **The motion passed** (5-0-0).

Reports:

Chair Report: Karen MacDowell
VIP Party on November 14th reminder

Board Report: DJ Nelli

The Board of Directors has formally voted that the Celebrate South Riding event will not take place in 2026.

Recreation Report:

Operations Department: Operations Board report provided to P&R Committee for review.

Parks/Playgrounds: The committee suggested names for the active recreational field,

Community: Priesters Pond pier maintenance company to be contracted; **Courts:** Contractor to be scheduling the install of the remote for the solar lights at Elk Lick Park, The committee was in favor of keeping the Hyland Hills Wildflower Garden, Upcoming VIP party reminder.

Discussion Items:

- The Committee unanimously agreed on three names submitted to consider for the Active Recreation Field on South Riding Boulevard. (6-0-0)
- The Parks and Recreation committee unanimously agreed to keep the Hyland Hills Wildflower Garden. (6-0-0)

Decision Items:

- Mr. Gardner **moved**, and Mrs. Owens **seconded** to recommend approval of the South Riding Center revised renovation design by Playground Specialists as presented by staff. **The motion passed** (6-0-0).
 - Mrs. Owens **moved** and Mr. Ramadoss **seconded** to approve the Active Recreation Field rules with changes. **The motion passed** (6-0-0).
 - Mrs. Owens **moved** and Mrs. Owings **seconded** to approve the South Riding Center playground fencing design. **The motion passed** (6-0-0).
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Meeting adjourned: The Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Next meeting date November 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm. ***Town Hall.***