

The Parks and Recreation Committee

May 11, 2026

Minutes

The May 11, 2026, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, held at Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Karen MacDowell, Committee Chair.

Members Attending: Karen MacDowell, Ruth Owens, Frank Gardner, Shiva Ramadoss

Board Liaisons: DJ Nelli

Members Absent: Ken Walsh, Holley Owings,

Staff Attending: Jennifer Burke

Guests Attending: None

Resident Comments: None

Approval of the Minutes: Mrs. Owens **moved**, and Mrs. MacDowell **seconded** to approve the April 13, 2026, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes. **The motion passed (4-0-0).**

Reports:

Chair Report: Karen MacDowell

None

Board Report: DJ Nelli

Board of Directors approval of the Gabien Basket study for Crossfield Pond; Lakeside Pond fountain replacement bids presented and being forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee for further review; BOD set being forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee for further review; The addition of a Winter Festival in 2026 presented and will be reviewed by Budget and Finance before BOD approval; Several residents attended meeting to address concerns regarding golf balls from golf course impacting nearby homes.

Recreation Report: Jennifer Burke

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

Pools: All pools are in the process of opening; Hyland Hills repairs and whitecoat and South Riding Center white coat replacement in progress. **Tennis:** Luis Rosado tennis instructions proposal presented for approval.

Community: Community Clean up event took place April 25, 2026, with 16 groups participating.

Discussion Items:

- Ping pong table replacements at Hyland Hills and South Riding Center pools.

Decision Items:

- Mrs. Owens **moved**, and Mr. Ramadoss **seconded** to remove the ping pong tables from Hyland Hills and SRC pools citing its deteriorated condition and the prohibitive cost of replacement. **The motion passed (4-0-0).**
- Mr. Ramadoss **moved**, and Mr. Gardner **seconded** to conditionally approve the tennis instruction request from Luis Rosado Tennis Academy pending the receipt of required supporting documentation. **The motion passed (4-0-0).**
- Mrs. Owens **moved**, and Mr. Ramadoss **seconded** to deny approval of the Free Little Art Gallery request. **The motion passed (4-0-0).**

Meeting adjourned: The Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Next meeting date, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm. ***Town Hall.***