



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 15, 2026

5:30PM

Skyline Center 929 N. Front St

Azalea Room 154H

or [Teams Meeting](#)

Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith

Call to order 5:35 PM

Other Attendees:

Ron Woodruff – Vice Chair
Franklin Boney – Board Member
Paul Connor – Board Member
Ingrid Corbi – Board Member
Alexa Fritz – Board Member
Zach Gilbert – Board Member
Lemetrius Nolan – Board Member
Jo Pendry – Board Member

Staff Liaison: Amy Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director,

Public comment period (3 minutes)

None

Approval of March 2026 Minutes

Amy suggested adding wording to the North Fifth Avenue Median Beautification Pilot Program under 'New Business' about Code Enforcement and the Wilmington Police Department had stated the importance of safety and risk to workers, as well as sight lines.

Ingrid Corbi motioned to approve the March 2026 minutes with the additional wording under the new business. Jo Pendry provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Parks and Recreation Adaptive Sports Program – Morrell Fox, Recreation Supervisor for Athletics and Brent Hawkins – Professor, Program Coordinator Recreation Therapy at UNCW

The adaptive sports program 'takes a village'. There is coordination between City of Wilmington Athletics, UNCW, and community members and organizations. The common goals are to provide opportunities to be active in sports. Collaboration between organizations have been getting groups together to play certain sports in the facilities that are available. Programs have grown significantly

within the past 8 to 10 years. Adaptive softball is one of the newer programs that will be happening at Olsen Park through collaboration with Access of Wilmington. Some of those players want to create a team and play with other cities. There are some players in Atlanta that found out and want to come if Wilmington gets a team. The city's Wheelchair Rugby team originally started in Columbia, South Carolina and stopped getting good support there. Many of the players started talking to Morrell during practices every Tuesday about Wilmington being the host site for the US Team. The team is now traveling to Australia this October to compete. Morrell showed some videos of the city's programs where adapted sports were added to the regular programs. Basketball leagues, wheelchair rugby league, etc. Many of these programs are not just for people with disabilities. It's meant to advocate for individuals as well as promote awareness. The city is hosting a wheelchair football clinic in the next couple of weeks at the MLK Center Gym. Players are coming from Jacksonville, Myrtle Beach and Wilmington. Wilmington is becoming the 'hub' where everybody can be part of the team. Some of the challenges are equipment, because it's expensive. Finding facilities and recruiting players. If some of those players have to travel any kind of distance, that makes it hard. About half of the players travel. With wheelchair rugby it's more like 95%. Wheelchair softball will be starting in July. It will be starting later to try to get more players to participate.

Guest Speakers: N/A

Old Business

Open Space Preservation (Goal #5) – Franklin Boney

- Franklin is resending the email with the list of properties.

Committee Reports

- Parks & Greenway Committee Goal 3 + 5 + Adopt-a-Park initiative
Franklin will be sending a list with suggested spaces.
- Engagement Committee Goal 2 + 4
City kickball event with the council. Amy had a suggestion to do the game in July for Parks and Recreation month. Also, on Saturday, May 2nd the city is having a public engagement kickoff party to get input from the public for the new park that the city just purchased. This is happening at the MLK Center. Terry would like to help Zach set up a table for the PRAB.
- Student Involvement Committee Goal 1
Nothing to report.

Chair's Report

- Terry will reach out to Becky Hawke about speaking at the next Board Meeting. He will also be reaching out to JC Lyle about coming as well.

Staff Report

- May is the month for elections for the Advisory Board. Amy explained what the reorganization for Parks and Recreation looks like now.

Board Member Round Table

N/A

Adjournment 6:25 pm

Ingrid Corbi motioned to adjourn, Franklin Boney provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

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