


**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Dena O'Malley**
**Vice Chair: Sue Ann Reichard**
**Secretary: Tracy McLaughlin**
**Jill Ata**
**Stephen Dimino**
**Jeanne Marie Olache**
**Kelley Duell**
**Jennifer Widga-Kirby**
**Christine Samek-Yonge**

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**Council Liaison: Mandy David**
**PW Director: Tonya Elliott-Moore**

**March 12, 2026**
**5:30 PM**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**
**614 MAIN STREET, BUILDING 100**
**WINDERMERE, FL 34786**

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1. All electronic devices, including cell phones, shall be either turned off or otherwise silenced.
2. Prolonged conversation shall be conducted outside Council meeting hall.
3. Whistling, heckling, gesturing, loud conversations, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
4. Only those individuals who have signed the speaker list and/or/who have been recognized by the Mayor (or Chair) may address comments to the Council.
5. Comments at public hearings shall be limited to the subject being considered by the Council
6. Comments at Open Forums shall be directed to Town issues.
7. All public comments shall avoid personal attacks and abusive language
8. No person attending a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is to harass, annoy, or otherwise disturb any other person in the room.

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# AGENDA

- **THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR/CO-CHAIR**

**1. OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Limit)**

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. LEGACY BENCH PROGRAM UPDATES**

**b. EVENTS**

**i. Annual Run Among the Lakes Saturday, October 10, 2026**

**ii. Halloween Costume Parade and Hayride, Saturday October 24, 2026**

**c. TENNIS**

**i. WRC – replace court 2 net, update on gates and cameras, rollers replacement, score keeper replaced (move old white tubes to DT courts)**

**ii. DT – Resurfacing update**

**d. PARKS**

**i. Pocket Park**

**ii. Central Park – exercise equipment signage, path repair, parking bumpers**

**iii. Lake Down Park**

**iv. Palmer Park – swing bench update, Well/sprinkler update and fence repair**

**v. WRC – water filter cleanout**

**vi. Lake Street**

**vii. Lake Bessie – signage update**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. MINUTES (Attachments)**

**i. Minutes from February 2026 meeting - to be approved.**

**b. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS**

**i. Bocce ball court discussion**

**ii. Butterfly Garden discussion**

**iii. Mahjong discussion**

**iv. 2026 park walk through discussion**

**c. Financial**

**d. Liaison Reports**

**i. Mandy David**

ii. **Tonya Elliott-Moore**

## 4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & UPCOMING MEETING DATES

**a. Next P&R Meeting April 9, 2026 at 5:30pm**

## 5. ADJOURN

Town of Windermere

Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026 at 5:30pm

Members present: Dena O'Malley, Sue Ann Reichard, Jill Ata, Stephen Dimino, Kelley Duell, Tracy McLaughlin, Jeanne-Marie Olache, Christine Samek-Yonge, Jennifer Widga-Kirby
Town Counsel Liaison: Mandy David
Public Works Administrative Assistant: Peter Balgobin

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Dena O'Malley based on a quorum present to conduct business.

2. Open Forum/Public Comment (3-minute limit): Saachi M. and Maanya M. from Lake Highland Scout Troop are in attendance for a merit badge requirement to take notes.

3. Legacy Bench program updates: New bench arrival 2/16 will include five high priority benches including Lake Down and Retail Row. Tax letters have been sent out.

4. Events:

   A. 25th Annual Run Among The Lakes will be Saturday October 10, 2026
   Fee adjustments are being considered for both entries and sponsorships. Race company contract PO is in. 2025 event medal distribution is nearly complete. 2026 medal design ideas in the works, Kelley brought in medal samples for the committee to view.

   B. Halloween Costume Parade and Hayride event will be held on October 24, 2026.

5. Tennis:

   A. Downtown Courts – Nidy will begin the court resurface on February 23rd. Lighting repairs are done.

   B. WRC – Gate repair (welding) was completed. Camera will be placed. Court 2 will need a new net.

6. Pickleball: Nets were broken (again) but have been repaired.

7. Parks:

    A. Pocket Park – meeting with church has been scheduled (mayor/Tonya)

    B. Lake Down Park – Swing benches have arrived and three out of four have been installed. The medallion is still in production with an anticipated arrival in two weeks.

    C. Central Park – Spinner was fixed. Water fountain valve was fixed.

    D. Palmer Park – New playground equipment has been installed. Mulch has been installed. New sod still needs to be installed, also considering shrub clean up.

    E. WRC –A plan is in the works for a new statue by John Neighbors.

    F. Lake Bessie and Lake Street signage update completed. Pedestrian gate not working, magnet issues need to be addressed.

    Park walkthrough is planned for 2/19 at 9am. At this time, the committee will discuss the Butterfly Garden and Bocce Ball potential locations.

8. New Business:

    A. Minutes from November 2025 meeting: Christine made a motion for minutes to be approved, Jen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

    B. Minutes from January 2026 meeting: Kelley made a motion for minutes to be approved, Jeanne seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

    C. Next Parks and Rec committee meeting will be on March 12, 2026. Park walk through to discuss needs and additions (bocce ball and butterfly garden) will take place February 19, 2026.

    D. Liaison Report from Mandy David. Town Council updates provided

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.