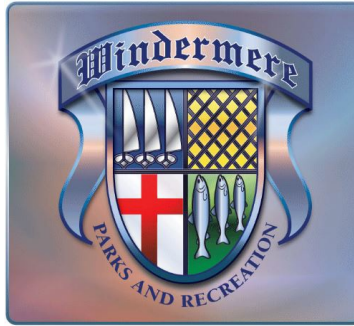




PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Dena O'Malley

Vice Chair: Sue Ann Reichard

Secretary: Tracy McLaughlin

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Council Liaison: Mandy David

PW Director: Tonya Elliott-Moore

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May 7, 2026

5:30 PM

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
614 MAIN STREET, BUILDING 100**

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 286.26: Person with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any such proceedings should contact the Office of the Clerk at least 48 hours beforehand at (407) 876-2563.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2005-12 adopted on December 13, 2005, the following Civility Code shall govern all proceedings before the Town of Windermere Parks and Recreation Committee:

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.

Any member of the public whose behavior is disruptive and violates the Town of Windermere Civility Code is subject to removal from the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting by an officer and such other actions as may be appropriate. PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 286.0105: Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of this proceeding. For this, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

- Medals
- 2026 Graphics
- Sponsorship Levels
- Run Sign Up Start

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

c. TENNIS

i. New Score Keepers for WRC

ii. Cameras for pickle ball nets

iii. Kids program for Summer

d. PARKS

i. Pocket Park – needs to restart project

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

iii. Lake Down Park – final swing bench and Vera's plaque/bench removal

iv. Palmer Park – butterfly garden, sprinkler, fence repair

v. WRC – statue, well shrub cover, water filter cleans out

vi. Lake Street – gate line up issue, camera, shade structure

- vii. Lake Bessie – update on project and projection of bench install

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MINUTES (Attachments)
 - i. Minutes from April 2026 meeting - to be approved
- b. Bocce ball court discussion
- c. Butterfly Garden discussion
- d. Mahjong discussion
- e. 2026 park walk through discussion
- f. 500 block tree area
- g. Financial
- h. Next year's budget / projects
- i. Liaison Reports
 - i. Mandy David
 - ii. Tonya Elliott-Moore

4. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. Next P&R Meeting June 10, 2026, at 5:30pm

5. ADJOURN

Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026 at 5:30pm

Members present: Dena O'Malley, Sue Ann Reichard, Kelley Duell, Tracy McLaughlin, Jeanne-Marie Olache

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):
 - Francisco Borges of Central Florida Racquet Sports introduced himself to the group/community. CentralFloridaRacquetSports@gmail.com
 - Paul Converse is new to the Windermere area and attended to learn more about community events.
 - Maggie Diminino attended in support of the committee.
3. Legacy Bench program updates provided by Dena. The majority of legacy benches have been installed. However, we do still have a bench hold related to the Fernwood construction delay.
4. Events:
 - A. 25th Annual Run Among The Lakes will be Saturday October 10, 2026. The committee is finalizing graphics for the Run Sign-up website; planning for 2026 race registration to go live May 1. Sue Ann presented samples of graphics, and the committee provided input. Kelley presented samples of medal options with our patriotic theme and shared price comparisons for the committee to consider. For those who have not been able to pick up their 2025 medals, we will have them available at 2026 packet pick up.
 - B. Halloween Costume Parade and Hayride event will be held on October 24, 2026.
5. Tennis:

- A. Downtown Courts – Court resurface was completed. Very small cracks have been noticed but these are expected and not a warranty item.
 - B. WRC – Camera is up and working. New score keepers were ordered. Any of the old score keepers that still function will be moved to the downtown courts.
 - C. Summer Kids Program with MG Tennis – details are being confirmed with Marcello M-Th.
6. Pickleball: Nets were broken (again) but have been repaired.
7. Parks:
- A. Pocket Park – waiting for Mayor update
 - B. Lake Down Park
 - C. Central Park – Exercise equipment signage needs to be replaced. Sue Ann visited the site and contacted Action Sports, at least 8 new signs are needed. Railroad ties are being replaced with concrete blocks in parking areas.
 - D. Palmer Park – Electric, sprinkler and fence repairs are complete. Ready for planting of the butterfly garden with painted rock art signage.
 - E. WRC –A plan is in still the works for a new statue by John Neighbors. Placement is being considered as well as possible shrubs (podocarpus?) for a natural backdrop, shielding mechanical/utility area.
 - F. Lake Bessie – installment of one of the signs is on hold due to construction
 - G. Lake Street - Pedestrian gate is still not working consistently, possibly tampering with magnet alignment. The committee discussed adding a camera to this area for security monitoring.
8. New Business:
- A. Minutes from February 12 meeting and March 12 meeting: Kelley made a motion for these minutes to be approved, Jeanne Marie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- B. Next Parks and Rec committee meeting was supposed to be May 14th. However, due to multiple conflicts, the committee discussed alternate dates. Tracy made a motion to move the Meeting to May 7th. Kelley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- C. Bocce Ball – still trying to find an appropriate location, on hold for now.
- D. Mahjong – looking into Mahjong open group play at Town Hall
- E. Town Square lights need to be investigated and possibly added to future agenda. They are not working properly.
- F. Liaison Report from Mandy David. Town Council updates provided

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.