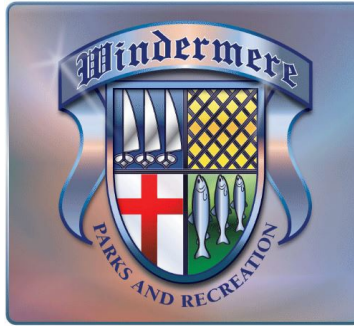




PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Dena O'Malley

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Council Liaison: Mandy David

PW Director: Tonya Elliott-Moore

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June 11, 2026

5:30 PM

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

614 MAIN STREET, BUILDING 100 - WINDERMERE, FL 34786

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

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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

- Sponsorship forms
- Graphics and medal updates
- T-Shirts

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

c. TENNIS / PICKLEBALL

i. Camera for DT Courts

d. PARKS

i. Pocket Park – meeting to be scheduled

ii. Central Park – Walkway repairs, exercise equipment signage, railroad ties

iii. Lake Down Park

iv. Palmer Park – Butterfly Garden update

- v. WRC – Statue install plan, Podocarpus install, Pump Filter
- vi. Lake Street
- vii. Lake Bessie – update for bench install plan
- viii. Ward Trail – request for plans for landscaping, benches, irrigation

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MINUTES (Attachments)
 - i. Minutes from May 2026 meeting - to be approved.
- b. Bocce ball court discussion
- c. Mahjong discussion
- d. 2026 park walk through discussion
- e. Financial
- f. Liaison Reports
 - i. Mandy David
 - ii. Tonya Elliott-Moore

4. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. Next P&R Meeting July 9, 2026 at 5:30pm

5. ADJOURN

Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026 at 5:30pm

Members present: Dena O'Malley, Kelley Duell, Jill Ata, Jen Kirby, Tracy McLaughlin

Town Counsel Liaison: Mandy David

Public Works Administrative Assistant: Peter Balgobin

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:47pm by Dena O'Malley based on a quorum present to conduct business.
2. Open Forum/Public Comment (3-minute limit): N/A
3. Financial report reviewed in detail by Dena, including the 2026-2027 proposed budget. One highlight from the financial report was a 20K profit increase for 2025 RATL compared to 2024.
4. Legacy Bench program updates provided by Dena.
5. Events:
 - A. 25th Annual Run Among the Lakes (RATL) will be Saturday October 10, 2026.
The committee finalized graphics for the Run Sign-up website, which will go live this month.
Kelley presented samples of medal material options and shared prices to compare with last year's medals. The samples shared were made in the USA, which would alleviate the 2025 struggles experienced with hold up in customs. All of these options align with our patriotic theme.
For those who have not been able to pick up their 2025 medals, we will have them available at 2026 packet pick up.
The next step is working on sponsorships.
 - B. Halloween Costume Parade and Hayride event will be held on October 24, 2026.
6. Tennis/Pickleball:

- A. Downtown Courts – Pickle ball nets were damaged and repaired - again. The committee discussed options for increased fees and/or security (camera?) to help mitigate ongoing repair/replacement challenges.
- B. WRC - New score keepers were ordered but have been on back order.
Any of the old score keepers that still function will be moved to the downtown courts.
The committee reviewed a sample flyer for 2026 kids summer tennis camp by MG Tennis Group.

7. Parks:

- A. Pocket Park – This project is on hold.
- B. Central Park – Exercise equipment signage needs to be replaced. Sue Ann will provide updates next month. Path repairs have not yet been completed. Peter reached out to the installer but has not heard back.
Railroad ties are being replaced with concrete blocks in parking areas.
- C. Palmer Park – Electric, sprinkler and fence repairs are complete. Construction clean up is underway and new sod has been placed.
The committee discussed moving a rogue picnic table that is not on level ground.
- D. WRC –The plan is coming together for a new statue by John Nabors. Placement is being considered as well as possible shrubs (podocarpus?) for a natural backdrop, shielding mechanical/utility area. Dena provided a photo of the statue which included a large rock to be used as a base.
- E. Lake Bessie – Installment of one of the signs is on hold due to construction.
- F. Lake Street - Pedestrian gate has been repaired and a camera was added to this area for security monitoring.

8. New Business:

- A. April 2026 Meeting Minutes - Jen made a motion for these minutes to be approved; Jill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- B. Next Parks and Rec committee meeting will be June 11, 2026 at 5:30pm.
- 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. The new butterfly garden project is ready for install. The location will be determined based on places available with irrigation. Kelley will meet with PW staff.
- F. Liaison Report from Mandy David. Town Council updates provided

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.