Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – December 5, 2025, 7:30AM
Tree Tops Park, 3900 S.W. 100th Ave., Davie, FL 33328

Board Members Present

Brown, Michelle	Danger, Terry	Lasaga, Javier
Carter, Joseph	Garson, Howard	McNeil, Marty
Clifford, Christina	Jean, Kimberly	Mulieri, Daniel

County Staff in Attendance

Florestal, Monica	West, Dan	Westberg, Erik

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Mulieri at 7:38AM. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Terry Danger MOTIONED for approval of August 1, 2025, minutes; Kimberly Jean seconded. MOTION carried.

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Terry Danger MOTIONED for approval of October 9, 2025, minutes; Kimberly Jean seconded. MOTION carried.

Announcements:

None.

Parks Manager Update: Matthew Mlodzinski, **Parks Manager**

Matthew Mlodzinski provided an overview of the park amenities, including the observation tower, hiking and biking trails, rental hall, shelters, outdoor volleyball courts, and a fitness zone. Safety Town continues to be a popular destination for elementary school field trips, and the park also offers access to the Pine Island Ridge Natural Area.

Recent completed projects include the installation of bat boxes, updated signage at Pine Island Ridge, improved lighting in the rental hall and main offices, and the donation of hammock stands by local Eagle Scouts.

Ongoing initiatives focus on the continued removal of invasive species such as air potato and Brazilian pepper, management of the 33-acre wetland mitigation site in coordination with FDEP, and replacement of the playground nearest to the Royal Poinciana shelter.

Parks Planning and Design Update: Nadine Levy, Capital Program Administrator

Ms. Nadine Levy provided a comprehensive update on capital projects across the park system, emphasizing progress on the 2022 Master Plan's signature park improvements. Major initiatives include ongoing upgrades at Central Broward Park and Stadium, continued development of the Tradewinds Park Educational Farm and Gardens, and phased campground improvements at Markham Park. C.B. Smith Park is advancing multiple infrastructure upgrades, including water park enhancements, utility improvements, and new facilities.

Ms. Levy also highlighted a wide range of high-priority projects at parks countywide, such as new aquarium development at Anne Kolb Nature Center, campground and roadway improvements at Easterlin Park, and new cabins and facility upgrades at Quiet Waters Park. Tidal resiliency planning, along with shoreline stabilization and long-range redevelopment, is moving forward at multiple parks such as Hollywood North Beach, Rev. Samuel Delevoe, Secret Woods, and T.Y. Park.

Significant resiliency and infrastructure projects are underway or in design, including drainage and berm improvements at Delevoe Park, a major watermain extension to Everglades Holiday Park, and shoreline stabilization and a boardwalk replacement at Secret Woods. Additional initiatives include accessibility and marina upgrades at Deerfield Island Park, wetlands and annex redevelopment at Long Key Natural Area, and systemwide improvements to community rooms and nature center facilities.

Future projects include redevelopment concepts for Plantation Heritage West and new facilities at Everglades Holiday Park. Nadine emphasized ongoing efforts to secure funding, advance design work, and strengthen park infrastructure, resiliency, and visitor amenities across the county.

Environmental Program Manager, Linda Briggs, led a short discussion relating to increasing tides and the possible effects to Hollywood North Beach and the Marine Environmental Education Center located at the Carpenter house.

Chris Deal provided an update on the FDOT mitigation project at Tree Tops Park, noting its unusually beneficial design. He explained that the project will restore the area's natural wetland conditions while preserving the existing equestrian trail—an accommodation that is highly uncommon in wetland mitigation work. Through collaboration with FDOT, their consultants, and extensive public input from the equestrian community and nearby residents, the project was shaped to maintain both ecological restoration goals and recreational access.

Dan West emphasized how significant it is to retain the equestrian trail, given Davie's strong equestrian community and the rarity of such allowances in mitigation projects. The County has been working with FDOT on this effort for approximately six years, addressing long-standing flooding issues that frequently closed the trail. The redesigned trail is expected to remain accessible even during major rain events, and the entire project is fully funded by FDOT through their mitigation program.

Parks and Recreation Update:

Erik Westberg, Assistant Director

Erik Westberg reminded the Board about the 30th Annual Holiday Fantasy of Lights event at Tradewinds Park which began November 22nd and will run through January 3rd.

There will be a ribbon-cutting/unveiling ceremony for the first Communication Board installation at Miramar Pineland (3600 S. University Dr., Miramar, FL 33025) on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10AM.

Dan West, Director

Dan West thanked Tree Tops Park staff for hosting the meeting and highlighted the facility as an example of the systemwide challenges associated with aging infrastructure. Many park buildings constructed in the 1980s require ongoing repairs and renovations to remain functional and presentable. He noted that several hall sites continuously need repairs and improvements, though the division recently secured approximately $90,000 to begin upgrading audio-visual systems at one of the major

rental halls. Newer facilities, such as Long Key, remain in better condition, while others like Anne Kolb and Hollywood North Beach continue to require incremental improvements.

Mr. West referenced the Parks Maintenance Group (PMG) Year in Review report, which outlines the work of the division's 93 skilled and semi-skilled trades staff. This team supports non-capital improvements across the system and plays a critical role in maintaining facilities and enhancing first impressions, especially given limited capital funding. He emphasized that PMG's work saves the County significant resources each year.

He also discussed current budget constraints, noting that operational funding was reduced by more than 5%, and many vacant positions remain on hold as the County monitors potential impacts from state legislation. Despite this, the division continues to advance long-term planning efforts and pursue external funding. He highlighted three new grants awarded by the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), supporting design, permitting, and future construction of improvements at Deerfield Island Park, including an outdoor classroom, marina basin renovations, and a new environmental education center.

Mr. West concluded by sharing the division's top accomplishments from 2021–2025, as requested by the Assistant County Administrator. These included CAPRA reaccreditation in 2023; the Everglades Holiday Park expansion; renovations at Central Broward Park tied to the Cricket World Cup; completion of the Loggerhead Park mooring field; and Parks' leadership role in countywide disaster logistics and recent relief efforts. He emphasized that Parks remains committed to its vision and continues to seek creative funding solutions to support long-term needs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Board approved the 2026 Parks Advisory Board meeting schedule with one modification: the January meeting date was changed from January 9 to January 16.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 AM

Next Meeting: Friday, January 16, 2026, at 7:30AM
Brian Piccolo Sports Park & Velodrome
9501 Sheridan St., Cooper City, FL 33024