

City of St Johns
Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025

Meeting Called to order 6:04 pm by Chairman Pioszak

Members Present: Motz, Thelen, Pioszak, Butler

Members Absent: Fromson, Deliso, Gleeson

Staff Present: Director Schafer

Others Present: John Sirrine

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Butler, seconded by Member Thelen, to approve the agenda as submitted.

All in Favor: Motz, Pioszak

All opposed: None

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Member Butler, seconded by Member Thelen, to approve the minutes as submitted.

All in favor: Motz, Pioszak

All Opposed: None

Public Comment

John Sirrine brought up recognition for the community fund and special recognition for Kiwanis and Rotary. Phase two donor opportunities – City logo – other townships.

There was discussion about different donor levels (\$100,000 Combination, \$75,000 Kiwanis & Rotary).

John Sirrine mentioned they are willing to continue future fundraising.

Member Butler mentioned asking people for legacy gifts.

New Business

A. 2025-2026 Budget

Director Schafer went over the 2025-2026 budget that was approved by the City Commission. He discussed the seasonal staff and summer programs that are planned. He also let them know that CEDAM AmeriCorps placed a stop work order in April, which

is the program that allowed Rachel her position and she has since been hired part time to continue working as a City employee.

Old Business

A. Master Plan

Director Schafer discussed the planning for the new master plan and that a survey would be going out soon for the recreation programming. Questions for the survey were discussed. Member Thelen wanted to know how to get more townships to pay for improvements and projects.

B. Fantasy Forest 2.0 Update

Director Schafer shared the updates happening at Fantasy Forest. He mentioned the custom equipment is set to arrive in July, the concrete would be poured, and the underground wiring for lights and cameras would be happening in the upcoming weeks. Fundraising for phase 1 has ended and discussions have started about fundraising for phase 2.

C. Wilson Center Update

Director Schafer discussed that the project is still moving forward, construction documents are almost complete, and the project would go out to bid in the next couple of weeks.

D. Capital Improvement Update

Director Schafer went over the Capital Improvement budget from FY2024-2025 with no follow up questions. Director Schafer also offered an update on the trails and proposed pickleball court.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Member Butler, seconded by Member Thelen at 7:53pm