



**TOWN OF SMYRNA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
August 19, 2025
Smyrna Golf Course
101 Sam Ridley Parkway East
5:00 PM**



1. Citizen Comments

The Town's Public Comment Period shall be reserved for those citizens that have signed up to address a Board or Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, pursuant to the Town's Public Comment Policy. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. Additional comments may be submitted in writing.

2. Call to Order

3. Prayer

4. Approval or Correction of Minutes

- a. June 17th Park Advisory Board Minutes

5. Old Business

- a. Project Update: Parks Master Plan and other improvements

6. New Business

- a. Smyrna Elementary School Land Use Agreement
- b. Smyrna Golf Course Presentation - Scott Merritt - Director of Golf

7. Reports of Officers, Committees, or Staff

- a. Communications
- b. Director's Report
- c. August Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes

8. Other/Round Table Discussion

9. Adjournment

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF June 17th, 2025

The monthly Smyrna Parks and Recreation Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held on June 17th, 2025 at Cedar Stone Park, Smyrna, Tennessee. Chairperson Christina Treglia called the meeting to order at 5:09pm

PRESENT Twelve people were present: Michael Potts; Dalton Hidalgo; Councilmember H.G. Cole; Chairperson Christina Treglia; Nicole Green; Mark Hardy; Town Manager David Santucci; Mike Moss, Director; Jimmy Stitt, Assistant Director; Town Engineer Charles King; Courtney Morgan and Christina Manus, staff

ABSENT Molly Jennings, Tom Sage, and Mayor Reed

SUMMARY

Citizen's Comments: None

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Mark Hardy motioned to approve May's Parks Advisory Board minutes. Nicole Green seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Discussion of Cedar Stone Park Phase II

Mike began by discussing the history of the Town's acquisition of Cedar Stone Park land from the Rutherford County School System, as well as the timeline for the park's construction. The park is now five years old. He presented a map to the board that showed the layout of Cedar Stone Phase II overlaid on a current satellite image. Mike pointed out the four new fields and the concession stand, which will mirror the existing fields. He also highlighted the connection road, sidewalks, second entrance, additional parking, and ADA parking. Mark Hardy stated that the Smyrna Baseball League appreciates the park and that he often receives positive feedback from patrons. He inquired about the construction timeline for the next phase. Mike responded that he expects it to take 18 months once the bidding process is complete.

Mike expressed to the board that the Town of Smyrna has also been investing in Todd Lane Baseball Complex. The department has spent approximately a million dollars over the past 10 years with new lighting on fields, turf maintenance, and new fencing.

Councilmember H.G. Cole asked about the extent of rock and land development anticipated for the addition. Mike responded that the land has significant rock, which may complicate utility installation. However, he noted the positive aspects, including the existing sewer and electrical services.

Jimmy stated that the park has 225' fields which allows for women's college softball play also and they have

hosted several collegiate teams at the park

New Business:

Facility Tour

After the meeting concluded, the board took a tour of the park. The tour provided an in-depth look at various features, including the ballfields, lighting, and synthetic turf. They also visited the concession stand, the new tennis and pickleball courts, and a newly constructed restroom located between the playground and the courts.

Director's Report:

Mike highlighted several items from the Director's Report.

Simply Smyrna event was a success, despite ending early due to rain.

TDEC is scheduled for its final inspection of the six tennis and pickleball courts on June 23rd. Once he receives approval, he will set a date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening.

Mike also discussed recent improvements at the Smyrna Golf Course. These include painting the clubhouse, installing a TV in both the clubhouse and patio, as well as removing debris and overgrown shrubs.

Town Manager David Santucci thanked the team for their work on Simply Smyrna, noting that they did a great job despite the heavy rain at the end.

Communications:

Mike announced several upcoming events:

Boat Day on the 20th

Juneteenth Celebration on the 20th

Independence Day Celebration at the Park on July 3rd

Council Update:

Town Manager David Santucci reviewed the recent Town Council Meeting, highlighting the approval of the 2026 SOAC exhibit "Amazing Castles". He discussed yearly contracts that were on the agenda. David expressed excitement about the new technology that has been approved for installation on street trucks. This technology will allow the town to gather data on road quality, which can be used for improvement purposes. He also discussed the planned improvements for Almaville Road and the approval of the Mobility Plan.

Reports of Officers, Committees, or Staff – Round Table Discussion

The Town Engineer, Charles King updated the board on projects around town including Front Street, Enon Springs, and the intersection of Sam Ridley and Old Nashville Highway.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm followed by a tour of Cedar Stone Park.

Communications

August 2025

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| August 19 th | After School Climbing Club at the SOAC (26 th) |
| August 20 th | Wild Wednesdays are back at the SOAC (27 th) |
| August 20 th | SOAC Semester at the SOAC throughout November |
| August 21 st | Early Learners at the SOAC (28 th) |
| August 21 st | After School Art Club at the SOAC |
| August 23 rd | Brave Run 5K at Sharp Springs Natural Area |
| August 28 th | After School Archery Club at the SOAC |
| August 29 th | Family Camp-Out at Sharp Springs Natural Area |
| August 30 th | SFL Tournament at Lee Victory Recreation Park |
| September 5 th | Food Truck Friday at Cedar Stone Park |
| September 6 th | Autumn Animals at Sharp Springs Natural Area |
| September 20 th | New Exhibit : Tree Houses at the SOAC |
| September 20 th | Last Day for Farmers Market at Front Street |
| September 12 th | Top Gun Night Run at the Smyrna Event Center |
| September 13 th | Play Local TN Softball Tournament at Volunteer Park |
| September 26 th | Depot District Car Show on Front Street |
| September 27 th | Depot Days on Front Street |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AUGUST 14th, 2025

Administration:

- We will need costume contest judges for Halloween in the Park if anyone is interested.
- The town grants coordinator has applied for a Community Development Block Grant. The selected project is improvements to Hilltop-Rosenwald Park.
- Staff applied for the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Four Star Award for projects over \$500,000. The selected project is the Cedar Stone Park Tennis and Pickleball Project.
- Jimmy Stitt and Tyler Comer are scheduled to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference in September.
- Admin staff are scheduled to demo several point of sale software systems that may be more efficient than our existing system.
- The Sharp Springs crops (approximately 65 acres) are thriving this year. The farmer and his team have done a great job and we should have a nice corn maze for Halloween in the Park.

Athletics/Aquatics/Events:

- The Independence Day Celebration was very successful again this year. Great attendance and very popular with visitors.
- The Depot District BBQ Fest was very successful and well planned. The goal of this event is to bring citizens to the Depot District for food and music.
- Smyrna Youth Football hosted the Bulldog Bowl and Victory Bowl over the last two weekends.
- Fall recreation league practices have begun. Staff reallocated practice fields and are making sure we use the available fields this fall.
- Leagues will be turning in financials from the spring season soon.
- Stones River Futbol Club hosted a successful welcome back event for their players and families.
- Staff continues to coordinate tennis and pickleball lessons for the public.
- Swim lessons were successful again this year. This program is an important program for our youth that sometimes has not been introduced to the water.

Maintenance:

- Sports field maintenance continues between seasons. Sod installation at the soccer park, edging baseball fields, irrigation repairs and frequent mowing.
- Food Truck Friday at CSP was well attended. Two more are scheduled at CSP.
- Staff installed benches at the Sharp Springs playgrounds and on the LVRP/CSP courts.
- Staff have been assisting the Golf Course staff with maintenance items. Golf Course staff has been busy with mowing, irrigation repairs and storm cleanup.
- Landscape beds along Lowry Street and Front Street were recently cleaned for events and general maintenance.
- Freedom Playground and the Kuss Memorial Plaza are being pressure washed this week.
- Staff will connect the Sharp Springs greenway to the new Jefferson Pike sidewalk.

SOAC:

- Staff applied for another HCA Foundation \$50,000 grant. The grant would be used to offset the cost of the 2026 summer exhibit which is when we have summer camps, field trips and many visitors.
- SOAC staff hosted 24 field trips this past summer. We are already booking school field trips for the upcoming school year.
- Weekly Summer Camps were very popular and resulted in well over 100 campers throughout the summer.
- Staff relocated the educational animals from town hall offices to the SOAC. This will be more convenient and allow more use at the center.
- Boat Day resulted in 384 participants. This team effort has become a great annual event.
- Mobile Adventures served 400 people in June and July.
- Paddlecraft Adventures had a good summer with scheduled floats and an on-site presence at Jefferson Springs and Sharp Springs Park. We plan to do more of these popular programs.

Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes 8/11/25

The monthly Smyrna Parks & Recreation Athletic Committee Meeting was held on August 11th, 2025 at the Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center, Smyrna, Tennessee. Kyle called the meeting to order at 5:28pm.

PRESENT: Luis Bradshaw, SFL; Mario Samples, SJBL; Mark Dye, SYFL; Rusty Boguskie, SRFC; Kyle Mooney, Smyrna Parks; Chris Davis, Smyrna Parks; Trenton Short Smyrna Parks

ABSENT: Mario Davidson SBL; Scott Demonbreun SASL

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- **Brave Run 5k, August 23rd, Sharp Springs Park**
- **SFL Tournament, August 30, LVRP**

MAINTENANCE UPDATE - Chris Davis gave the maintenance update. Chris mentioned that they were going to paint the score boxes on Todd Lane Fields 1 and 2. Maintenance will asphalt the area in front of the dumpsters at Todd Lane to take care of the potholes in that area. The A/C unit was replaced at Volunteer Park. Areas on Fields 1 and 7 at Rotary Soccer Park were sodded. Chris added that maintenance will be top dressing the areas that were sodded at Rotary Soccer Park. Chris added that they have been laying out soccer and football fields for their seasons. Chris mentioned that all back stops have been removed from the Smyrna High School practice field area for the new Kroger coming into that spot.

DISCUSSION - Kyle mentioned that the Brave Run will be on Saturday, August 23 at Sharp Springs and that some practices that are in the area for that morning will need to be moved. Kyle asked all leagues if they were prioritizing Smyrna residents when they do sign-ups for each season. Kyle asked for the start dates from each league. Kyle added that we will move towards a turf mound on Field 3 at Todd Lane. Kyle asked Luis if the Smyrna Fastpitch League had any requests for the redesigning of the Lee Victory Recreation Park softball concession stand.

LEAGUES

SBL - N/A

SFL - Luis Bradshaw mentioned that the tournament for August 30 is not looking good at the moment. He added he is going to give it a few more days for teams to sign up and if they don't get more teams they will be cancelling the tournament. Luis added that there are 385 players registered for the fall season. Luis added that the schedule is complete and everything is good and ready to go for the fall. Luis mentioned he would talk with the league board members about prioritizing Smyrna residents. Luis added he would ask board members if they have any requests for the redesign of the concession stand. Luis said the league was also interested in getting a booth for Halloween in the Park.

SYFL - Mark Dye mentioned that everything has gone well the last two weekends at the Lee Victory Football Fields. Mark added that there was a very good turnout for the Bulldog Bowl and Victory Bowl. Mark thanked Chris Davis and his guys with how great the fields look. Mark mentioned that the auto horn on the scoreboard for Gene Carr was not going off when the clock hit 0.00. Kyle responded and let him know that we would check that tomorrow. Mark added that the first week of the regular season will be August 23. Mark asked about possibly splitting the cost of a shade structure near the football fields in the future. Mark mentioned that the Jamboree will be this Saturday (8/16) and there will be either 6 or 7 games on each field. Mark added that he will talk to the league about prioritizing Smyrna residents.

SASL - N/A

SRFC - Rusty Boguskie mentioned that August 30 will be the start day for games at Rotary Soccer Park. The league will take off on October 11 and not play on that day. Rusty added that the league is doing meet and greets for the rec coaches this week. The first week of practices will begin on August 18. The last week of games will be October 25.

SJBL - Mario Samples mentioned that the league is doing sign-ups right now. Mario added that there is nothing right now that the league has for Smyrna residents but that he would mention it to the league. Mario added that the skills assessments will be October 11 and 12.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.