



**TOWN OF SMYRNA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
January 20, 2026
Town Hall
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.

- a. Charles Scurr - Master Plan

2. Call to Order

3. Prayer

4. Approval or Correction of Minutes

- a. November 2025 Meeting Minutes

5. Old Business

- a. Parks Master Plan Update

6. New Business

- a. Review of Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule
- b. Review 2026 Event Calendar
- c. Review of 2026 Tournament Schedule

7. Reports of Officers, Committees, or Staff

- a. Director's Report

8. Other/Round Table Discussion

- a. Board application deadline

9. Adjournment

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF November 18th, 2025

The monthly Smyrna Parks and Recreation Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 18th, 2025, at the Smyrna Event Center in Smyrna, Tennessee. Chairperson Christina Treglia called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

PRESENT: Seventeen people were present: Mayor Mary Esther Reed; Councilmember H.G. Cole, Nichole Green; Megan Dietsch; Michael Potts, and Chairperson Christina Treglia; Dalton Hidalgo; Mark Hardy; Mike Moss, Parks Director; David Santucci, Town Manager; Jimmy Stitt, Assistant Director; Charles King, Town Engineer; Scott Merritt, Golf Course Director; Tyler Comer, Marty Smith, Courtney Morgan, and Christina Manus, staff;

ABSENT Tom Sage and Molly Jennings

SUMMARY

Citizens' Comments: None

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Mayor Reed motioned to approve October's Park Advisory Board meeting minutes. Mark Hardy seconded, and all approved.

New Business:

Mike Moss thanked the board for applying for the board, serving, and supporting the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department.

Mike Moss initiated the discussion on selecting recipients for the Lifetime Achievement and Youth Leader awards by providing a brief history of the Volunteer of the Year Banquet. This award ceremony, which began in 1990, has been held annually at the Smyrna Event Center to honor not only our athletic league volunteer board but also individuals who have made a significant impact on Smyrna through their volunteer efforts.

Councilmember Cole expressed the importance of diversity among candidates. He considers whether candidates remained involved in the community after their children grew up and were no longer participating in Smyrna athletics. He highlighted Ed Garner as an example of someone who has demonstrated diversity in his service. Garner has been active with the Jaycees since the 1980s and has served on the boards of both the football and baseball leagues, as well as on the Lions Club. He was also a Town Council member and was known as the go-to person to fix just about anything.

Mike Moss asked if there was any other discussion. Mark Hardy offered that it has been a blessing to serve

on the board.

The nominees were Ed Garner, Michael Fain, Gary Bednar, Marci Jameson, and John Black. The vote was taken, and Michael Fain received the 2025 Kenneth “Coon” Victory Lifetime Achievement Award.

The mayor asked if anyone knew the candidates for Youth Leader: David Johnson, Gabriel Peebles, and Kaylee Herdon. Michael Potts stated that Gabriel served with the Fire and Police Camps.

The question was raised about whether a candidate's residence within Smyrna's city limits matters. The mayor believes that if a candidate is attending a Smyrna school, they are serving the community. She requested that Patrick, the town's new videographer, create a video next year to promote the opportunity to schools such as Motlow, Lancaster, and the local high schools to attract more candidates. Additionally, she mentioned utilizing the list from the Mayor's Office for the Kuss Scholarship.

The board voted to select Kaylee Herndon after being impressed by her 250 hours of volunteer service.

Mike Moss reminded the board that the Volunteer of the Year banquet would be held on Friday, February 20th, at 6 pm.

Old Business:

Jimmy Stitt shared with the board insights from the National Recreation and Park Conference, which he and Tyler Comer attended. The keynote speaker was Amy Purdy, a Paralympic medalist, actress, motivational speaker, and co-founder of Adaptive Action Sports. Jimmy shared photos highlighting the size of the exhibit hall, which accommodated five full-size playgrounds. Jimmy shared photos and takeaways from the conference:

Trends in mentoring

Utilizing college interns

A new sport, 5 on 5 softball

Homeless issues in parks

Adult changing tables that can withstand 300lbs.

Portable games, such as mini golf

Portable stage options

Portable TV monitors

Mike Moss shared photos from the Tennessee Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference held in Kingsport. He highlighted Bays Mountain Nature Park, noting several elements that caught our attention, including interpretive signage, selfie station signage, and a drone show.

Director's Report:

Mike provided an update on the Rotary Soccer Park trophy project, noting that the brick and foundation work were complete and the flagpoles would be installed soon.

Managers and Mike have spent significant time on employee evaluations this month.

Kimley-Horn has received 565 surveys at this time; our goal is 1,000

The Rotary Soccer Park tournament was canceled this year due to rain.

The Rotary Soccer Park design services have been submitted for the Town Council Workshop.

Mike expressed he was proud to be a part of the Veterans' Day program at the Captain Jeff Kuss USMC Memorial.

The maintenance staff is busy winterizing all park water fountains and features.

Communications:

The Christmas Lighting Ceremony is on November 25th at 6 PM

The Christmas Parade is on December 7th at 2 PM

The Farmers Market will be held at Gregory Mill Park until November 22nd.

The seasonal skating rink will open on November 29th.

Council Update:

The Mayor shared recent updates from the Council Meeting: repairs to the restroom at Gregory Mill Park, a painting grant for the Event Center, rezoning requests, and the adoption of the Town's new logo.

The Mayor also spoke on the Nourish Food Bank challenge and encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas Parade and bring canned goods.

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

Courtney Morgan from the SOAC thanked the board for their support and asked them to keep an eye out for upcoming winter programs. Scott Merritt from the Golf Course also expressed his gratitude to the board and hoped everyone enjoyed the golf tour this year. He mentioned that they would be happy to host again anytime. Marty Smith with Athletics, also thanked the board for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 15, 2026

1. Cedar Stone Park Phase II - further permitting will be required for the wetland area on the east side. A portion of the project is in a small wetland, which may result in purchasing credits for habitat or remediation. Design is nearly complete in order to bid on the project.
2. America 250 - staff is developing ideas for this theme for events and programs. A county committee is compiling a list of 250 initiatives.
3. SOAC staff created Party Room *add-on* options for parties. This idea is similar to some of the original ideas when the SOAC was created. These will be available in February.
4. Rotary Soccer Park Team Photo Area - this project is 90% complete. Remaining work includes signage and dirt work around the structure. This project is partially funded by the Rotary Club.
5. Staff and Kimley-Horn Inc. will kick off soccer park design upgrade work after surveyors complete their work in the park.
6. Staff started ADA improvements to the shelter A & B restrooms at Sharp Springs Park. The upgrades will eliminate a fixture in each restroom to create ADA-compliant stalls.
7. The contractor has started foundation repairs at the Gregory Mill south restrooms.
8. The grants coordinator (Dennis Molina) secured a Community Block Development Grant for Hilltop-Rosenwald Park. The scope of work includes playground replacement, shelter improvements, ADA accessibility improvements, and a shade structure.
9. Golf - January Golf revenue has been strong compared to January 2025 - weather dictates play. Staff ordered 15 replacement carts, which should be delivered within 30 days. The new carts are refurbished, with lithium batteries and a black finish.
10. The athletics team is finalizing signed 2026 User Agreements and 2025 financials. The 2026 Event and Tournament Calendars are in order.
11. The athletics team will adjust spring practice field allocations if needed. They re-assigned allocations last fall to maximize existing practice areas.
12. The maintenance team continues with landscape improvements at various sites in the park system. Staff is replacing the ground cover in the Lowry Street planter boxes with grasses.
13. Pool filter sand was replaced to better prepare for the busy summer aquatic use. Aquatic staff are preparing more aquatic programs to accommodate some of the citizen requests.

Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes 1/12/26

The monthly Smyrna Parks & Recreation Athletic Committee Meeting was held on January 12th, 2026, at the Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center, Smyrna, Tennessee. Kyle Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

PRESENT: Scott Demonbreun, SASL; Mario Davidson, SBL; Rusty Boguskie, SRFC; Mark Dye SYFL; Luis Bradshaw, SFL Kyle Mooney, Smyrna Parks; Trenton Short Smyrna, Parks; Heather Amos Smyrna Parks; Chris Davis, Smyrna Parks; Mike Moss, Smyrna Parks

ABSENT: Marty Smith, Smyrna Parks; Mario Samples SJBL

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- N/A

MAINTENANCE UPDATE - Chris Davis provided a department-wide maintenance update. Chris mentioned that the heat in the football concession stand at Lee Victory Recreation Park has been fixed. Chris added that the Todd Lane field 3 mound has been removed, and the new turf mound is scheduled for delivery late this week or early next week. He added that the trees behind Todd Lane Field 2's outfield fence have been cut in preparation for the batting cage that will be added in that spot. Chris mentioned new foul nets will be ordered for Todd Lane Fields 1 and 2, as well as Lee Victory Fields 1, 2, 3, and 4. The cherry trees behind the outfields of the softball complex at Lee Victory Recreation Park have been cut. The non-overseeded fields will be sprayed next week. The flagpoles have been installed in the new trophy presentation area, and flags are up at Rotary Soccer Park. Mike Moss added that the sign for the new trophy area at the soccer park will be completed by Front Street Signs within the next week.

DISCUSSION- Kyle Mooney informed all leagues that have not submitted their end-of-season financials that the athletics department will need them as soon as possible. Kyle received the first signature from each league president for the league user agreements. Each league will have another executive board member come by the Athletics office to sign as well. Trenton provided the 2026 tournament calendar to each league president and let everyone know that the schedule is final. Kyle provided the update on batting cages for Lee Victory and Todd Lane, and the staff is laying the footprint in the area where they will go. Trenton mentioned to all leagues that when they receive pictures for their volunteer and athlete awardees for Volunteer of the Year, to send them in to add to the slideshow presentation, as well as any action shots from league play. All leagues were reminded that when they had their presenter of each award for Volunteer of the Year, to let Kyle know. Kyle gave updates on upcoming projects throughout the parks system. Kyle mentioned that Cedar Stone Park Phase 2 will include four youth turf baseball fields, a concession stand/restroom building, a parking lot, a maintenance building, and

a connecting road. These fields will also have LED lighting throughout. Kyle added that Rotary Soccer Park design improvements will be in the design-only phase for this fiscal year. The design work includes: synthetic turf installation on fields 1 and 2, additional parking, playground replacement, and a pedestrian connection to new fields. Kyle added that staff is working with an engineering firm to design the Rotary Soccer Park breezeway. The design work for the Lee Victory Recreation Park concession stand is in place with Thomas and Hutton. Staff have been working with the league on their needs as well as the town's needs. Mike Moss asked Scott Demonbreun if the Smyrna Adult Softball League has had former players from the Smyrna Fastpitch League sign up for their league. Scott responded and let him know they have had a few over the last few years. Mike added that he requested in the budget park rangers to work with Smyrna Parks and Smyrna Police. Mike thanked all leagues for their hard work throughout the 2025 season and for their daily efforts to run successful leagues. Heather Amos mentioned that pickleball has been packed at Cedar Stone Park. Heather added that Cedar Stone ballfields have been used quite often during the day.

LEAGUES

SBL- Mario Davidson spoke for SBL; they currently have 450 registered for the spring season. The league is excited about the new mound on field 3 at Todd Lane, and Mario confirmed it will be ready for use once installed. The league will require a coaches' clinic for all new coaches and coaches who are moving up age divisions. The league will begin games the first week of April. The league will offer pitching clinics for the 9-10-year-olds.

SFL- Luis Bradshaw spoke for SFL; they currently have 125 registered for the spring season, and the 10u division has the most registered. They have several new board members this season, which has enabled them to move people into roles that best suit them and has made the board more efficient and enthusiastic about the upcoming season. Luis mentioned this will be the final year for the league concession stand manager.

SYFL- Mark Dye spoke for SYFL. The league will begin practice on July 20. Mark thanked the parks department for all of their hard work throughout the year. The league's first board meeting will be on January 18. Mark asked Mike Moss about a potential partnership with the league for a shade structure near Shelter 1 at Lee Victory Recreation Park. Mike Moss said the department would explore different options.

SASL- Scott Demonbreun spoke for SASL. The league will begin games on April 6th. They expect every night to be full for the spring season. The league has 14 teams signed up so far. They are excited to offer a women 's-only league on Tuesday evenings for the first time this spring. Scott confirmed with Trenton that league teams could use field 3 at Volunteer Park for practices if needed. Scott mentioned that he has not heard

from the kickball league representative about start dates. Trenton responded and let Scott know he would contact the representative tomorrow (1/13) morning.

SRFC- Rusty Boguskie spoke for SRFC. The league has registration ongoing. The rec league practices will begin on March 9th. Travel practices are scheduled to begin in late February.

SJBL- N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Communications
January 14, 2026



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| January 17 th | <i>Amazing Castle</i> exhibit opens at the SOAC |
| January 24 th | Kids Paint Night at the SOAC |
| January 31 st | Winter Survival Program at Sharp Springs Natural Area |
| February 6 th | Greenway Bike Ride starting at the SOAC |
| February 12 th | Smyrna Town Hall Road Show at Stewarts Creek Middle School |
| February 6 th | Trevecca Softball at Cedar Stone Baseball Complex (7 th) |
| February 13 th | Parents Night Out at the SOAC |
| February 17 th | Master Plan Open House meeting at the SOAC at 6 pm |
| February 20 th | Family Campfire at Sharp Springs Natural Area |
| February 20 th | Volunteer of the Year Banquet at the Smyrna Event Center |