



**TOWN OF SMYRNA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
April 21, 2026
Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center
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. March Meeting Minutes
- b. February Meeting Minutes

5. Old Business

- a. Rotary Soccer Park Concept Plan Update
- b. Distribution of the Parks Master Plan

6. New Business

- a. Annual selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

7. Reports of Officers, Committees, or Staff

- a. Director's Report
- b. April Communications

8. Other/Round Table Discussion

9. Adjournment

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF March 17th, 2026

The monthly Smyrna Parks and Recreation Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held on February 17th, 2026, at the Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center in Smyrna, Tennessee. Chairperson Christina Treglia called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

PRESENT: Twelve people were present: Councilmember H.G. Cole, Chairperson Christina Treglia; Mark Hardy; Michael Potts; Tom Sage; Mike Moss, Parks Director; Jimmy Stitt, Assistant Director; David Santucci, Town Manager; Scott Merritt, Golf Director; and Marty Smith, Courtney Morgan, Christina Manus, staff.

ABSENT Molly Jennings, Megan Dietsch, Nicole Green, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, and Dalton Hidalgo

SUMMARY

Citizens' Comments: none

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

February and March's meeting minutes will have to be approved at the April meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Old Business:

Discussion and approval of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant relative to the Rotary Soccer Park

Mike Moss reviewed the scope of work relative to the Rotary Soccer Park Improvements LPRF Grant request:

- 6-million-dollar TDEC grant/split with Town of Smyrna 50% / 50%
- The goal is to increase play time on existing land
- Increase parking
- ADA Access
- LED Lighting
- 2 synthetic turf fields
- Bleachers/fencing/amenities
- Shade opportunities
- Replace or add a playground

Mike reviewed Kimley-Horns' credentials and grant administering options.

Following the Park Advisory Board Meeting, there will be a Public Input Meeting on the grant

application, and everyone is invited to attend for more details.

Mike shared pictures with the board from a recent trip to visit the new 16-million-dollar Lebanon Sport Complex, which features both grass and artificial turf fields, concessions, a playground, a walking trail, and a maintenance shop. Mike discussed with the board the residents' and non-residents' registration fees for Lebanon sports. Councilmember Cole asked if the league contributed to the park construction. Mike responded that the Director in Lebanon had declined a \$200,000 offer from the league, as the city wanted to maintain sole control over the complex.

Discussion and approval of the Parks Master Plan

Mike Moss recalled that the Advisory Board had voted on the 5-Year Master Plan at the February meeting. Mike shared the final copy with the board and discussed the Systemwide Priority Recommendations, the Programming Evaluation, and the suggested New Facilities section of the Master Plan. Final copies of the Master Plan have been sent to the board via email and were also available at the meeting. Mike will distribute individual printed copies to the board members once they are commercially printed, and additional copies will be made available online.

Tom Sage inquired if we have an additional Greenways Master Plan. Mike replied that we do not have one specifically for greenways, but the Town of Smyrna had recently adopted a Mobility (Bike-Pedestrian) Plan that included greenways, park connectivity, and sidewalks. Tom mentioned that all the new developments on Jefferson Pike would be a great opportunity to connect Smyrna and Murfreesboro's greenways.

New Business:

Discussion of Perry Weather Monitoring System

Marty Smith, the Recreation Programs Manager, informed the board that he had recently been tasked with reviewing various weather systems. He believes that the Perry Weather System is the most comprehensive and beneficial option for the staff.

Marty discussed scenarios where the public might disagree with the pool's lightning radius or the timeline for returning to the pool after a storm. He also mentioned that it can be challenging to see or hear storms due to the building's position relative to the pool. The Perry Weather System would allow all staff members to operate on a single platform, enabling the Town to set specific safety parameters.

Additionally, the software provides citizens with updated timelines for when it is safe to return to the pool. Marty shared a brief video with the board demonstrating how the software functions. The system can cover a 5-mile radius, encompassing Rotary Soccer, Lee Victory Recreation, Volunteer, and Sharp Springs Parks, as well as the Golf Course. While the alarm may not be audible at all park locations, the system still offers pinpoint tracking features for weather conditions at other parks. David Santucci, Town Manager, inquired how far the alarm or warning message could be heard. Marty replied that he would find out.

The application also includes access to meteorologists who can assist with event timing and gameplay decisions. The total cost for the hardware and software is \$4,400 per year, plus a one-time shipping fee of \$500.

Courtney Morgan, SOAC Manager, commented that this tool would be very beneficial for her staff fielding pool weather-related calls. Marty commented that up to 50 users could use the application, but

the timer widget would be available to the public on the town's webpage or app. Mark Hardy agreed that this would be very useful during games. The baseball league also deals with many people's weather apps that state different information. It would be useful to have a single standard to use. Tom also agreed that the application would make you feel confident in the staff's judgment call.

Director's Report:

Mike highlighted several items from the report: tournaments starting this weekend; the striping and new signage at Hilltop; the replacement of TWRA fishing pier; staff participation in STREAM night and Mobile Adventures at Smyrna Elementary School; the Frozen Paddle Pickleball Tournament; and SOAC staff attending the Rutherford County Schools' Title 1 meeting. Councilmember Cole asked how the TWRA selects its projects. Mike responded that for them, it is a matter of timing and historical context, as they were the original builders of the pier. He also inquired whether the Cedar Stone pickleball courts could accommodate a large tournament. Marty believed they could, as the games are relatively short, though the main concern would be providing adequate shade.

Mike also discussed the golf course, which is receiving 15 new golf carts, and mentioned the spring planting and recent programs, including a hike at Sharp Springs. David asked what the Title 1 meeting involved. Courtney explained that it is an annual meeting to discuss how federal funds will be allocated to schools meeting Title 1 criteria. She uses this opportunity to market SOAC to teachers as a cost-effective educational option.

Communications:

Mike shared flyers for upcoming programs and events.

Council Update:

Councilmember Cole reviewed items related to the board from the latest Council Meeting, including: approval of the fireworks contract for Independence Day on July 2nd, the renewal of the practice field at the Tennessee Rehab Center, and approval of the Parks 5-Year Master Plan. He also discussed new town ordinances and updates on road improvements.

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

The board agreed to meet at Rotary Soccer Park for the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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PRESENT: Seventeen people were present: Mayor Mary Esther Reed; Councilmember H.G. Cole, Nicole Green; Megan Dietsch; Chairperson Christina Treglia; Vice Chairperson Molly Jennings; Mark Hardy; Dalton Hidalgo; Michael Potts; Mike Moss, Parks Director; Jimmy Stitt, Assistant Director; David Santucci, Town Manager; Todd Spearman, Assistant Town Manager; Scott Merritt, Golf Director; and Marty Smith, Courtney Morgan, Christina Manus, staff.

ABSENT Tom Sage

SUMMARY

Citizens' Comments: none

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Mayor Reed motioned to approve the Park Advisory Board Minutes from the January 20th meeting. Molly Jennings seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Master Plan

Mike reviewed the Master Plan timeline. The plan should be ready for the Council Workshop on February 26th. The Council will need to discuss the plan at the February 26th Council Workshop and approve it at the March 10th Council Meeting to apply for the LPRF grant. Once approved, the Master Plan will be included in the Town's upcoming Comprehensive Plan. The final plan will be brought back to the March Park Advisory Board Meeting.

Mike presented a slide from the Master Plan that displayed the differences in survey data between residents and non-residents. The new findings for the question, "*What would you like to see the Parks Department focus on?*" indicated that "Playground Maintenance" and "Indoor Facility" ranked as the most popular answers, in contrast to "Sidewalks and Connectivity."

Mike requested additional feedback from the board on long-term priorities. He explained that the Town of Smyrna will concentrate on Phase II of the Cedar Stone and Rotary Soccer Improvements in the coming years; however, the Master Plan outlines the long-term needs.

Councilmember Cole asked if Todd Lane could be transformed into a passive park once the second

phase of Cedar Stone is completed. Mike responded that the town has invested in new fences, concrete, and sports lighting in recent years, making the park valuable for sports fields.

Mike mentioned that including a gymnasium in the Event Center building was originally part of the Master Plan, along with the acquisition of the land that is currently Cedar Stone.

Mark Hardy emphasized the need to incorporate a "multi-purpose space" into the Master Plan. Officer Potts agreed, stating that we need indoor facilities for sports such as volleyball, basketball, and pickleball.

Chairperson Christina Treglia asked whether we have collaborated with Rutherford County to use school facilities or to engage in their comprehensive planning. Mike responded that we partner with local schools to meet our basketball league's gymnasium needs and to use practice fields. He has recently noticed an increase in county involvement in school recreation and plans to reach out to their director. Mike will inquire about potential partnerships. Councilmember Cole wondered if we could partner with the schools to apply for a grant to fund a shared building adjacent to a school.

Mike agreed that we need an indoor facility, and while it may come with a significant price tag, it will only cost more each year if we delay. He believes the initial steps should include incorporating it into the Master Plan and identifying land for future development. Mayor Reed indicated that we already have some land options that could be designated for this purpose, mentioning Enon Springs and other locations the Town has acquired. However, Councilmember Cole pointed out that Enon Springs has drainage issues that could hinder development. Chairperson Christina noted that water retention areas are becoming part of greenways and could be incorporated into the design.

Mike thanked the board for their support and input. Chairperson Christina motioned for the board to support the Master Plan, and Mark Hardy seconded. All agreed unanimously.

New Business:

Recreational Leagues Financial Health

Mike shared the account balances for the Smyrna Fastpitch, Baseball, Football/Cheer, and Stones River Futbol Club with the board. He also provided details on the contributions each league has made to their park this year.

Town Manager David Santucci inquired whether Mike has reached out to the Stones River Futbol Club for input on the design improvements to Rotary Soccer Park. Mike responded that he had initially met with the board to gather their thoughts on what is needed in the park, including additional parking, LED lighting, and shade systems. The league will have the opportunity to meet with Kimley-Horn engineers a few times before a final plan is developed. David stated that, at this stage, we need to assess the amount of play that can occur on the fields to establish the standards the league can accommodate. Mike mentioned that the La Vergne Parks and Recreation department promotes the SRFC league on its website, although it does not provide actual facilities. He will reach out to the Director there to explore potential partnership opportunities in La Vergne. David suggested charging non-residents an extra fee at registration to fund improvements to the park.

Marty and Mike agreed they were pleased with the athletic league's account balances. Marty stated the SRFC had lost two major tournaments this year due to weather.

Director's Report:

Mike reviewed the Director's report.

Trevecca Nazarene College hosted a women's fastpitch tournament at Cedar Stone Park

The trophy area at Rotary Soccer Park is complete, and he has received a \$25,000 donation from the Rotary Club for this portion of the project.

The Town of Smyrna recently hosted its first Town Road Show at Stewarts Creek Middle School.

The flag football league is nearly full with 130 registrants.

Aquatic has 31 employees who plan to return this season.

The Town and staff are working on celebrating the Nation's 250th Anniversary with several events throughout the year.

Mike thanked the parks maintenance staff and the Smyrna Golf Course for their work cleaning up from the storm damage.

Communications:

Councilmember Cole shared that Mike did a great job presenting to the Rotary Club last week and highlighting the impact Rotary has had on the Parks Department.

Mike shared upcoming events, such as the Family Campfire, Softball Camps, the Pickleball Tournament, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mike presented a slide to the board featuring potential topics for future meetings. Some of the ideas included hosting a meeting in a park, taking a tour of the greenway, having the grant coordinator present to the board, inviting members of the athletic league board, and arranging vendor presentations.

Jimmy shared an exercise he participated in at the recent Director's Summit, in which groups designed parks as a concept for a future meeting. David Santucci expressed his interest in seeing a presentation from the Perry Weather vendor.

Mike asked the board to please stay after the meeting for an Open House-Style Input Meeting for the 5-Year Master Plan hosted by Kimley-Horn.

Council Update:

The Town Council approved an agreement for the use of Jefferson Springs for this year's Boat Day.

Mayor Reed discussed several other items that were on the Town Council agenda.

Mayor Reed emphasized the collaboration among the town's departments during the winter storm.

Before the storm arrived, town leaders came together to develop a strategic plan. Several employees remained on-site around the clock to provide assistance. Councilmember Cole praised David Santucci for his effective implementation of the storm relief efforts.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 16, 2026

1. The town held a successful Budget Retreat on April 9th and 10th. The retreat provided good vision and funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The retreat again showed strong support for the community, staff, and leadership.
2. Staff continues to work on the Block Grant scope of work, which includes a playground replacement and picnic shelter improvements at Hilltop Rosenwald Park.
3. The town received a TN250 grant to update and replace signage along the greenway. This includes repainting existing trailhead signs and replacing worn interpretive panels along the greenway route.
4. The department has hosted eleven tournaments to date. The tournaments include youth baseball (7) , youth soccer (1) , and adult softball (3). These tournaments have a positive economic impact on the Town of Smyrna and the county itself.
5. Staff is installing America 250 banners in various locations, including the Depot District, Smyrna Library, Cedar Stone Park, and Lowry Street.
6. The Food Truck Friday program was held on Friday, April 10th, at Cedar Stone Park. The program was successful with well over 100 patrons visiting the trucks.
7. The SOAC continues to host and schedule multiple field trips, party room rentals, and programs. Staff is offering add-on activities (at an additional cost) for party rentals, which have been popular.
8. Spring Break activities were well attended this year. The SOAC hosted daily activities, and the athletics hosted a youth softball camp at Cedar Stone Park.
9. Summer camp registration continues to be strong with 4 out of 10 camps already selling out. The weekly camps include full-day camps and half-day camps for younger age groups.
10. The maintenance team started installing batting cages at the Todd Lane Baseball Complex and the Lee Victory Park softball complex.
11. Golf Course play remains strong with the dry weather.
12. Staff are researching design improvements for the clubhouse locker rooms. This project includes ADA compliance work and general improvements such as lighting, lockers, and aesthetics.
13. Team members are preparing aquatic facilities for the summer season. Many seasonal staff members are returning for another year, and staff are adding additional programming options for the community (water aerobics and July 4th bash).
14. The buildings at the Todd Lane baseball complex have been painted except for the Field 3 press box, which will be painted between seasons.



Communications

April 15th, 2026

April 18 th	GMB Baseball Tournament at Cedar Stone Park (19 th)
April 18 th	Jr. and Peggy Grimes Memorial Golf Tournament (75 players)
April 18 th	Rutherford County Earth Day in Murfreesboro's Historic Downtown
April 25 th	Play Local TN Softball Tournament at Volunteer Park
May 2 nd	Play Local TN Softball Tournament at Volunteer Park
May 2 nd	Kids Safety Day at the SOAC
May 9 th	Play Local TN Softball Tournament at Volunteer Park
May 16 th	Farmers Market Begins at the Train Depot
May 15 th	MSXL Paintball Tournament Begins at the Sharp Springs Natural Area
May 19 th	TSSAA Softball Tournament Begins at Cedar Stone Park
May 19 th	Splash Pad Opens at Gregory Mill Park
May 22 nd	SOAC's Family Movie Night – Zootopia 2
May 23 rd	SplashTown opens
May 23 rd	Game 7 Baseball Tournament Begins
May 29 th	School's Out Festival at the SOAC
May 30 th	SFL Tournament