

**City of Pinellas Park, Florida
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Pinellas Park Senior Center
7625 59th St N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781
June 15, 2026 | 6:00pm**

1) Meet, Greet, & Q&A of Pinellas Park Senior Center:

6:06pm-6:15pm (Senior Center tour 6:15pm-6:30pm)

Nancy Heller (Program Manager)

2) The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call

Members Present: Jeanne Kepple, Jeilam Morales, Chaleeta Mullins, Emily Mullins, Mary Ann Smith, Jena Rutherford.

Members Absent: Michelle Buck, Neil Kummerer, James Uliasz

Staff Present: Heidi Hugh, Kellie Gilmore, Caleb O'Dell, Hazel Jiovani

3) Approval of May 18, 2026 Minutes- A motion was made by Jeanne Kepple and Chaleeta Mullins to approve: motion carried.

4) Administrator Report

(a) Recreation:

- Summer Camp is full with 280 registered. 150 at Forbes Recreation, 100 at Broderick Recreation and 30 at the Teen Center.
- Ms. Kellie Gilmore compiled a packet containing the summer camp activity calendars for each center.
- Reptile Encounters visited Broderick Rec and Teen Center.
- Forbes hosted a carnival for their campers on Friday 6/12.

(b) Skyview Pool:

- The pool is open 7 days a week. SPPARK swim team utilizes the pool.
- Upcoming special events scheduled at the pool. July 18 - Family Sensory Splash Night for children on the autism spectrum and their families. The event is free and will be held after the pool closes to the general public. July 12, 19, & 26 – Soundbath Series, one hour session. Each session is \$20. Participants who register for all three sessions will receive a \$10 discount on the total registration fee.
- Ms. Jeanne Kepple inquired about promotional efforts for the upcoming Family Sensory Swim event on sharing the event. Ms. Heidi Hugh stated that the event will be promoted through the organization's existing outreach, including social media platforms and email communication. Ms. Heidi Hugh encouraged board members and attendees to share event information with any families who may benefit from participating in the program.

(c) Patti Johnson Farm:

- Parkimal trading cards are currently being distributed at the farm and feature individual animals along with their statistics and information. The cards are sponsored by Waste Management. Ms. Kellie Gilmore stated that Wade's Parkimal trading card will be available on National Cow Day, July 14.

(d) Property Tax:

- Ms. Heidi Hugh provided an update regarding the tax proposal scheduled for the November 2026 ballot. She stated that although the outcome is unknown, we will remain committed to serving the community the best way possible. Ms. Heidi Hugh noted that there are currently no established guidelines regarding the tax proposal. She stated that the city continues to operate efficiently and that additional information will be shared as we learn more.

5) Parks Supervisor Report

(a) Equestrian Related Updates:

- Mr. Caleb O'Dell stated if anything regarding equestrian related, please reach out to him directly.
- Ms. Chaleeta Mullins inquired about a concern regarding an area near the bridge over the canal. Mr. Caleb O'Dell stated that he would have the Parks crew inspect the location the following day and assess the issue.

(b) Parks Programming Updates:

- Mr. Caleb O'Dell reported that the Parks Department has been busy as usual during the summer season. Ongoing improvements are being made to the Little League fields. Approximately 90% of the department's workload this year consists of grounds maintenance. Mr. Caleb O'Dell stated to report any unusual or out-of-the-ordinary conditions observed at any parks to the Parks Department.
- A no smoking ordinance at all city parks was issued last year, the parks department has been updating signage at all city parks.
- A Regional Little League tournament selected the Helen Howarth baseball fields as the host site for its games.

6) Announcements

(a) Board Member Vacancy:

- Ms. Heidi Hugh stated there were two open spots on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. A prospective member, Rick Ealey was in attendance at the meeting.
- Mr. Rick Ealey stated that he was impressed with the City of Pinellas Park. He moved to Florida 3 years ago and lives in Mainland's. He participated in the Citizen's Academy program. Mr. Rick Ealey stated he was recently elected as President of HOA. Active member with St. Pete Shuffle Board at Mainland's.

(b) Board Member Selection:

- Board members present voted unanimously in favor of appointing Mr. Rick Ealey as a new member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ms. Heidi Hugh stated that she will contact Mr. Rick Ealey by the end of the week

- Adjournment at 7:07pm

Next Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026; 6:00pm – Broderick Recreation Center (6101 66th Ave N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781) **NO JULY MEETING**