

City of Wilton Manors
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board



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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
2024-2025 Goals and
Accomplishments
December 2024

Mission:

The mission of the Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to provide advice and support to the City Commission in the following areas:

1. All public parks, dedicated parks, playgrounds, parkways, undeveloped parklands and recreational facilities located within the City or on lands owned by the City;
2. If requested by the City Commission, a course of action which the City Commission should take in reference to the development and maintenance of parks, parkways, waterways, library, and playgrounds in the City;
3. The maintenance and conduct of playgrounds, recreational centers and other recreational activities in the city, and equipment, buildings and facilities thereon;
4. The recommendation of rules and regulations for the operation of City parks, library, playgrounds, and recreational facilities;
5. Research and recommend the amounts to be charged the public for the use and enjoyment of parks, programs, amenities, and services in coordination with other City departments as appropriate and necessary, but such charges shall not be effective until approved by the City Commission;
6. Review proposals as requested by the City Commission.

Members:

John Fiore, Chair

Dylan Salem, Vice Chair

Roger Cruttenden

George DeFrance

Patrick Harris

Helena Hantzes

Charles Higgins

2025 Goals / Activities

- Provide input and leadership in the Colohatchee Park expansion and public park access.
- Provide special event support soliciting sponsorships, vendors and partners.
- Evaluate Fee Schedule to help offset costs to sustain programs, amenities and services.
- Review Park Naming proposals and offer input for selecting the appropriate park names.

- Review applications for cosponsorship of facility fees for non-profit groups as determined by Department Cosponsorship Policy and Procedure and offer recommendations.
- Evaluate future CDBG, FIND, BBIP, FRDAP and other related grant projects and discuss needs and interests how to use.
- Research and recommend new products for use by Leisure Services to increase safety, efficiency and longevity of park facilities.
- Review and select nominated employees for department Employee of the Quarter recognition.
- Conduct annual reviews, evaluations, and recommendations for park rules and regulations.

2024 Accomplishments

- Reviewed and re-drafted the Board Mission Statement.
- Reviewed and suggested changes to the recreation fee schedule to offset City costs of recreation programs and services to ensure public enjoyment of City facilities, which includes the dog park, boat storage, and facility rentals.
- Evaluated and approved applications for cosponsorship of facility fees for non-profit groups as determined by Department Cosponsorship Policy and Procedure:
 - Applications approved in 2024 include:
 - Legacy Builders Consulting Group
 - South Florida Symphony Orchestra
 - SunServe Youth Field Day
- Evaluated and approved for recommendation the Park Renaming Application for renaming Island City Park Preserve to Stafford Park.
- Reviewed submissions and recommended recipients for the Employee of the Quarter awards.