



# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**May 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM**

City Hall Commission Chambers  
401 S. Park Avenue

### **Present**

Leah J. Bonich, Thomas Sims, Anne Mooney, Ginny Enstad (V)

### **Absent**

Ellen Wolfson, Lawrence Lyman, Lisa Tinker Marsh

### **Staff Present**

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Seeley, Assistant Director Mike McCosker, Recreation Coordinator Laura Halsey

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Chairperson, Leah Bonich.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of the April 15, 2026, minutes

**Tabled until the June meeting due to lack of quorum**

#### **3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker**

Scott Redmon, 2445 Lake Waumpi Trail, spoke about the Howell Creek and Howell Branch trail.

He discussed the two sawmills and asked if Howell Creek could be designated as an actual park. He feels history is very important to the evolution and growth of Winter Park and is interested in creating trails in the area. He would like to encourage the City of Winter Park and PRAB members to visit Howell Creek themselves.

Mr. Seeley would like to schedule a time for Mr. Redmon to meet with him and Gloria Eby to discuss feasible efforts and possible grant opportunities.

Mrs. Bonich, also a resident of Lake Waumpi, is very interested in discussing the topic further. Mr. Seeley provided an aerial view for Mr. Redmon to point out the specific locations he is referencing. Mr. Redmon would really like to connect the trails and public access between Howell Branch and Howell Creek.

#### **4. Action Items**

- a. Edit to Open Space Business Permit

**Tabled until the June meeting due to lack of quorum**

## **5. Non-Action Items**

- a. Kraft Azalea Park Management

**Tabled until the June meeting due to a lack of quorum.**

## **6. Staff Updates**

- a. Projects and Programs Update

Mr. Seeley, Parks & Recreation Director, provided a spreadsheet of projects & programs along with a brief update on each item.

Some of the focus points were the Lake Baldwin parking lot improvements, Howell Branch improvements, and the MLK parking lot and croquet court.

## **7. Board Comments**

## **8. Upcoming Agenda Items**

## **9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Approved by the Board on June 17, 2026.  
/s/ Laura Halsey, Recreation Coordinator