



**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) April 27, 2021 Minutes**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A) Bobby Wagner, Trees on the Coast**
 - Cemetery Ideas - Phase II**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**
 - A) Nikki Johnson**
 - B) Brian Liesveld**
 - C) Daniella Piper**
 - Beautification of our parks and community involvement.**
 - D) Leslie Schmidt**
 - E) Matthew Sweetser**
 - F) Barbara Telford**
 - Work Plan - Adopt A Park**
 - G) Sandy Trammell**
- 8. STAFF REPORTS**
 - A) Lisa A. Firth, Director Parks and Recreation**
 - Memorial Day Ceremony presented by the American Legion at 11 a.m. Monday, May 31st, at the Destin Memorial Cemetery.**

- **Family Independence Day Celebration & Bike Parade: Destin Elementary School Track, Thursday July 1st at 5:30pm**
- **Parks Updates**
- **Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park**

B) Recognition of Matthew Sweetser & Compass Resorts for their Arbor Day Celebration donation and Florida League of Cities Dinner

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 22, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council, committee, board, panel, or agency with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will may need to ensure that a record of the verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon the appeal is to be based.

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**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
APRIL 27, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Leslie Schmidt	Rey Bailey City Clerk
Matthew Sweetser	Brian Liesveld	Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Barbara Telford		Ryan Reed Recreation Dept. Supervisor
Nikki Johnson		
Danielle Piper		

3. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY:

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Committee member Johnson and seconded by Committee member Telford to add the Welcome to Destin Sign under Nikki Johnson's name and to add two work plan discussions under Chairwoman Trammell's name. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **March 23, 2021**

Motion to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes as written was made by Chairwoman Trammell with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Trees on the Coast Presentation – This item was pulled.
- Cemetery – This item was pulled.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Arbor Day Celebration**

Mrs. Firth reminded the members the Arbor Day Celebration has been changed to Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to add to the agenda Beach/Mattie Kelly Park Clean up and Dogs on a park beach was made by Chairwoman Trammell and seconded by Committee member Johnson. The motion passed 5-0.

➤ **Dogs on Beaches –**

Committee member Telford briefly discussed how there is a group of citizens that are wanting a place to legally take their dogs to a water access, regardless of if it's at the property that used to be the Concrete Plant or a beach property. And spoke of how she thinks it should be first discussed at this committee's level.

Chairwoman Trammell suggested to the members to gather the information that they feel needs to be discussed and the subject will be placed on the May agenda for further discussion.

The members briefly discussed the need to come up with pros and cons for the idea. Also, how important it is for anyone on this committee to not make any comments or likes on any social media platforms since it will possibly be discussed further and voted on.

➤ **Beach/Mattie Kelly Park Cleanup**

The decision was made for this item to be added to staff comments on the next month's agenda.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Johnson**
 - **Destin Welcome Sign**

Committee member Johnson asked how the fence that is being constructed will impact the Welcome to Destin sign. According to Mrs. Firth, the city does have a contract with the Air Force for the sign. And said that she has put a call into her contact and will provide them an update at their next meeting.

• **Committee member Sweetser** – Spoke of the Linear Park and how the easement just happens to run right through one of the owners of the Palm's backyard and if or what does the city intend to do at that area since where there are privacy fences and pools in the easement. He also pointed out how the costliest portion of the park is the boardwalk over the wetlands and how he doesn't think it's a good idea not to mention how people litter and doesn't want the wetlands to get trashed. He also mentioned that the Town Center CRA has tabled this discussion and asked for the City Engineer to provide them with more information.

Chairwoman Trammell suggested inviting both the Chairman of the Town Center CRA and the City Engineer to their next meeting to discuss the Linear Park further. She also spoke of Clement Taylor Park sidewalk that was originally planned to be wooden boardwalk over the swell,

but the decision was made to have the sidewalk brought closer into the park property, in the general area where the Fire Department was proposed to be.

The members also discussed:

- Zerbe Street Calhoun Avenue Pedestrian Pathway
- Clement Taylor Park Renovations timeline and funding
- Broken bench at Main Street Park
- Possible updates to the Buck Destin Park
- Harbor Lane ROW Improvements this was discussed again with recommendations.

Motion by Committee member Trammell to address the platform or the pilings and add some form of a path that is hard enough surface for strollers and wheelchairs. With Committee member Sweetser providing the second. Motion passed 5-0.

- Harborview Park – Chairwoman mentioned that one cannot see harbor for the trees.
 - Discussed the possibility of adding another parking space if both are made parallel or, make it a pedestrian only park.
- **Chairwoman Trammell –**
 - **Arbor Day/Tree City USA –**
 - Report to Council in October
 - Plant at least 5 trees
 - Hold Public Arbor Day Ceremony
 - ❖ List of locations where trees are needed was discussed and dedicated to whom.
 - **Park Inspections**
 - Discussed the timeframe of when they would start them next year. Will discuss further at their next meeting.
- **Staff Comments:**
 - Boardwalk Location Repairs
 - Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park Construction – Setback due to footers needing to be repoured.
 - Leonard Destin Park Ribbon Cutting - May 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
 - Norriego Point - Permits are still in the Building Dept for review and approval and will not commence until after Labor Day.
- **Public Comment:** None

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk



City of Destin

FY 2021 Work Plan

Strategic Priority:

High Quality of Life and Safety for Families

Strategic Goal:

Maintain High Level of Safety and Security for Our Residents, Businesses, and Visitors.

Organizational Objective:

Public Safety: Maintain Safe Parks for Our Residents, Businesses, and Visitors.

Performance Objective:

Develop an Adopt-A-Park Program for Parks staff to implement.

Measurable Outcome(s):

Outcomes	Fiscal Year	
	2021	2022
List of parks included in Adopt-A-Park Program		
Adopt-A-Park Program guidelines & application handout		
Adopt-A-Park Program implementation & marketing plan		

Action Plan:

Task	Resource Needs (persons/organization)	When Complete
1. Identify appropriate parks for Adopt-A-Park		
2. Develop procedures & safety guidelines		
3. Create Adopt-A-Park application		
4. Produce Adopt-A-Park Handout		
5. Develop and document Marketing & Implementation Plan		

Process Improvement:

PDCA

Stakeholders:

Internal	External
Council	Residents
City Manager	Visitors
Risk Management/Insurance	Business
Parks & Rec. Department Staff	

Process Owner: *Barbara Telford*