

TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2025
2:00 p.m.

Chairperson Kathy Madola called the November 19, 2025, Parks Commission meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence.

Members present: Kathy Madola, Barbara Dresser, Jeannette D'Abbondanza, Nancy Larkin, Kelly Murphy and Denise Aldridge. Also present: Commissioner Marlene Vandergrift, Board Liaison; Chad Hicks, Town Administrator and Nicole Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk.

Members Absent: Ron Johnson

Also Absent: None

Oath of Office:

Ms. Hewett administered the Oath of Office to Denise Aldridge.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2025. MEMBER LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Hicks said the Tree City USA application is in process and there will not be an issue meeting any of the requirements. Mr. Hicks said the gate at the park is working good and we did change the hours for fall. Mr. Hicks said we made the park and dog park the same hours and for the moment, it seems that has relieved any tension there. Mr. Hicks said there are still a lot of people using the park. Mr. Hicks said they will still close every Wednesday for maintenance. Ms. Hewett said we sent out the Annual Christmas Dinner invitation and hopefully you can all make it. Ms. Hewett said we can have Gail attend the Parks Commission meeting in February 2026 to discuss concerts. Ms. Hewett thanked everyone that volunteered for the concert and Member Dresser for making the popcorn. There was discussion on food vendors for the concerts.

New Business:

Member Larkin said she knows we just finished the update to the CAMA Land Use Plan. Member Larkin said back in 2019 the Parks & Recreation Master Plan was implemented. Member Larkin said she knows there is more people, and we've added a few communities and should we consider updating that plan too? Mr. Hicks said he can take it to the Board. After some discussion, it will be added to the list for the upcoming budget. Member Larkin asked Mr. Hicks where we stand as far as sidewalks on Country Club Drive. Mr. Hicks said we submitted our application, and we are still waiting to hear back from GSATS to see if we will get the funding. Member Larkin asked if we

control that road and Mr. Hicks said Country Club is a state road. Member Larkin asked if the community can ask for turn lanes. Mr. Hicks said no, they have already been through all the traffic studies for Walmart and Publix. Mayor Conte explained how the funding works for state projects like that.

Commissioner Vandergrift said she wanted to welcome Denise to the Parks Commission. Commissioner Vandergrift said she just wanted to thank all of you for your willingness to serve and support the Town of Carolina Shores. Commissioner Vandergrift said she hopes everything goes smoothly as we go into a new year soon. Thank you.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn:

MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PARKS COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 19, 2025, MEETING AT 2:20 P.M. MEMBER MURPHY SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Chairperson

Submitted by: Nicole L. Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk