

City of Cocoa Beach, Florida
Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026

A. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called at 4:00pm

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Lucas Senger
Greg Lund
Jay Cole
Mike Braddock
Tom Baldwin (4:02)

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present:

Andrea Segarra, Leisure Services Director
Cara Potter, Recreation Supervisor
Ed Thinger, Golf Course Manager
Nick Czerkies, Golf Course Superintendent

B. Public Comment

- **Mike Rogers**, Grind for Life, provided an update on monthly community skate nights at the Cocoa Beach Skatepark, which have been held since 2017. He reported approximately 40 skaters and 50 parents attended the most recent event. He noted the program encourages youth to remain active and engaged in City facilities.

C. Consent Agenda

Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Greg Lund made a motion to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes. Tom Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. New Business

1. Review and Adoption of Leisure Services Advisory Board Standard Operating Procedures

- No motion was made. The Board agreed to revisit adoption of the Standard Operating Procedures and vote on seat positions at the next meeting.

E. Board Members Reports and Announcements

Greg Lund

- Stated that he participated in tennis court negotiations and updates at the Tennis Facility.
- Reported feedback from the City Manager during Citizens Academy supporting driving range concepts, future projects, and new revenue ideas.
- Discussed potential ideas including a 100-foot boat dock and converting the pool pavilion into a food and beverage location to generate additional revenue.
- Noted some negative feedback from non-residents regarding increased golf fees for Brevard County residents.
- Suggested beginning donation discussions with space-related companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin, Jacobs, and others.

Lucas Senger

- Emphasized that Advisory Board discussions should occur during public meetings and not privately, citing Sunshine State Law requirements.
- Stated the Board should represent the entire community and convey citizen ideas and concerns.
- Suggested advertising boat ramp re-opening dates on the City Hall sign.
- Asked about public access to the high school track and whether it falls under City or School Board responsibility. Director Segarra stated that is the with the School Board.
- Questioned if the drainage issues at the Tennis Facility have been resolved. Director Segarra stated that our Stormwater department has helped with the issue and swales at the facility.

Mike Braddock

- No report.

Jay Cole

- Suggested moving to monthly meetings rather than bi-monthly to stay informed on ongoing projects. Director Segarra stated that this can happen, but it will require a vote from the board.
- Suggested to place Leisure Services updates and articles in the Cocoa Beach magazine.
- Reported positive feedback regarding the golf course and food and beverage operations.
- Suggested offering a small 'warm-up' bucket of balls at the driving range.
- Questioned if staff is looking into early termination regarding the golf cart lease.

Tom Baldwin

- Asked for clarification on the Board's purpose and authority and expressed a desire for greater cooperation and involvement related to the Board's Standard Operating Procedures.
- Suggested assigning Board members to specific facility areas and involving them more in planning, closures, projects, and updates.
- Recommended improved signage at facilities explaining closures, updates, and anticipated re-opening dates.
- Expressed appreciation for improvements at Bicentennial Park.
- Referenced a 2023 presentation on Ramp Road construction and requested additional information.

F. Staff Reports and Announcements

Ed Thinger, Golf Course Manager

- Introduced Nick Czerkies to the Board and commended him for his efforts and progress.
- Reported that gross revenues are up compared to the same time last year.
- Reported that food and beverage revenues are also up year-over-year.
- Noted that other golf courses in the area are more expensive, even after recent fee increases, and that after 2:00 p.m. there is unlimited play.
- Explained that the fee increase was the first in three years and was necessary to offset rising management and maintenance costs.

Andrea Segarra, Leisure Services Director

- Reviewed Sunshine State Law requirements.
- Discussed focus areas moving forward related to the Board's Standard Operating Procedures.
- Reported that 2025 concluded strongly with events and projects; announced Wes Mullins as the new City Manager and Kris Kuehn as the new Police Chief.
- Provided an update on working with Finance to finalize accurate numbers for the driving range project.
- Reported Ramp Road is anticipated to open toward the end of April.
- Reported Bicentennial Park should be opening this week with the boat ramp only.
- Provided an update on the pool liner replacement and dewatering, noting a projected 5–6 week timeline.
- Reported tennis courts are nearing completion, with back courts remaining open for use.

Nick Czerkies, Golf Course Superintendent

- Spoke about focusing on positive forward momentum and turf improvements.
- Discussed the long-term potential of the golf course to become a premier facility.

G. General Public Comment

- No public comment.


H. Adjournment

Greg Lund made a motion to adjourn. Mike Braddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next Meeting: March 23, 2026



Andrea Segarra
Leisure Services Director



Lucas Senger
Chair