



Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. | Parks Maintenance Facility

Members:

Dr. June Javier, Chair
Dr. Irina A. Gorbunova-Ford, Vice Chair

Steven L. Raudman
Thomas Alston Jr.
Evan Grummell

Michelle Griffin
DeRocke Croom

Kathryn Wiesmann

Opening Business

- Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order

Attendees: Dr. June Javier, Dr. Irina A. Gorbunova-Ford, Steven Raudman, Kathryn Wiesmann

Absent: Michelle Griffin, Remi Travis Wright, DeRocke Croom Jr., Evan Grummell, Thomas Alston Jr.

Dr. June Javier called the meeting to order at 5:38pm. A quorum was present and the board was given the opportunity to review the meeting minutes from January 6, 2026. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All was in favor to accept the minutes as written.

New Business

Themed Meeting- Parks Maintenance

John Maninga was introduced as the Parks Manager where he and his staff manages the following:

- Tree maintenance
- Tree removal
- Stump lining
- Facility maintenance on all parks and recreation facilities
- Carpentry

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- Electrical
- Plumbing

The Parks maintenance team not only assists the Parks & Recreation department but also other entities around the city and surrounding areas. The team is responsible for playground maintenance of approximately 85 playgrounds (schools and parks). Lastly, the parks maintenance team is a seven-days-a-week operation that also supports the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) when it becomes active. John Maninga opened the floor for questions.

Department Update

Parks Administrator, John “J.R.” Ruggiero, shared an update regarding the new mowing schedule executed by PRLS mowing operations based on a 14-day (bi-weekly) cyclical cycle that will be utilized for parks, athletic fields, and vacant lots. The schedule will reduce 3-1-1 complaints, reduce wear and tear on equipment, improve athletic field condition and improve overall aesthetics of the city.

In addition, Director Crittendon shared the following updates:

- The department is in the process of expanding recreation and neighborhood center hours beginning on March 2, 2026.
- PRLS held a youth football stakeholder meeting on January 30, 2026 to assess current conditions and explore future improvements for youth football programming in Hampton. The meeting included representatives from multiple local youth football organizations and affiliated partners.
- Re-organization of staff at the golf courses has been completed. A golf operations manager was hired to be responsible for The Woodlands golf course and The Hamptons golf course. The golf courses will no longer have two superintendents.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36p.m.