

PARKS AND RECREATION
Minutes
Florence County Parks & Recreation
Administrative Offices
October 16, 2025

PRESENT: Scott Poston, Andy Tedder, Bob Gardner, Laura Driggers, Melissa Jarrell,
Zoom: Wil Thomy, Nathan Dawsey, Andy Jones, Brittany Aleo, Chante Clark, Ervin Gamble, Isaac Smith, Jennifer Majors, Joe Eason, and Angela Singleton

CALL LTO ORDER: Scott Poston called the meeting to order.

INVOCATON: Robert Sullivan provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Sullivan motioned to approve the September 18, 2025 meeting minutes/consent agenda; Melissa Jarrell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- *USTA Request: Rescinded*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Barbara Cooper, Pee Dee Community Action appeared before the Commission to request complimentary use of Brooks McCall Park October 24, 2025 for Head Start Awareness Day. Ms. Cooper stated that community stake holders, partner, and families are welcome to attend. On this day we will be celebrating the impact the program has made in the Pee Dee region. Discussions followed. Action will be taken under New Business.
- 3K Hope Foundation – No show
- Victory Women & Children Center- No show

STAFF REPORTS:

In addition to information previously presented to the Commission staff also shared:

Andy Jones

- USC Softball Camp will be held on Monday at Greenwood Athletic Park. (1:30pm – 5:30pm)
- On this Friday Miracle League will have movie night at the park.
- SCAP meetings for football, volleyball, & soccer will be hosted here October 29 & November 5.

- The first inaugural Flo. County Golf Day will be held at Wellman on November 1, 2025.
- On November 22 the Lynches River League will hold a benefit for Brad Grantham who was involved in car accident.

Angela Singleton

- I attended the Savannah Grove Action Church League Family Fun Day on Sept 20, 2025. Councilman Jerry Yarborough, Mayor Lithonia Barnes, and City Councilman Lawrence Smith were among the attendees.

Brittany Aleo

- Day trip registration went well.
- Over the weekend the hot water heater went out at the building. Until we get a new one Linda has postponed the lunch program.

Jennifer Majors

- The Christmas Lights got moved yesterday day for the administrative office storage to LRCP.
- Electrical upgrades are almost done on Spine Rd.
- Scott McGivillary, LRCP Supervisor was nominated SCRPA Maintenance Professional of The Year. Scott was recognized today at County Council meeting and it's all because of all of the electrical upgrades he's currently doing at the park.

Ervin Gamble

- Battling with the ant beds right now.

Isaac Smith

- No new information to add.

Nathan Dawsey

- County Council approved this morning the MOU with the Florence Area Humane Society, and council also approve infrastructure funds for us to purchase a mobile bathroom trailer.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS:

The Commission viewed a short video of the following parks:

- Lavern Ard Park
- Leatherman Senior Center

ATHLETIC COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Francis Marion Recreational Complex

Andy Jones stated to the Commission as indicated in my October report no one from the public was in attendance. Scott Poston recommends staff to continue to schedule meetings for the community input.

Olanta Athletic League

Andy Jones stated only four people showed up to the meeting as indicated in my October report. Discussions followed. Chairman Scott Poston added that the league does not know what to do, he did recognize that there are issues with the board. It's also evident that the school is having issues as well with student enrollment. Scott recommends staff to continue to schedule community meetings for their input.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pee Dee Community Action

Robert Sullivan motioned to approve request; Laura Driggers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob Gardner motioned to adjourn; Melissa Jarrell seconded; motion carried unanimously.

