

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 21, 2025 Minutes
7:03 P.M.

I Roll Call

Present –, John Klemas, Dave Minucci, Deven Patel, Craig Pietrefesa, Arif Patel, Carl Spataro, Niki Brachowski, Mike Grennan, Ken Bierman
Absent – Aly Azhar, Dan Disario, Jo Hochman, Mike Mitchell
Staff – Amanda Applegate, Sheri Smith

II. Open Public Meeting Statement – The meeting was called to order by John Klemas at 7:03 pm

III. Public Portion – Gururajan Rao spoke about cricket use in open space near Friendship Rd, inquired about restrooms at Tall Timber and reopening Rowland Large after moving the pitch. Motion by Carl Spataro and seconded by Niki Brachowski to close out public portion.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Niki Brachowski and seconded by Deven Patel to approve the June 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

V. Income Report – Next income report will be reviewed in January 2026.

VI. Directors and Staff Reports:

- A. Correspondence –** Recreation Department is still short staffed. The Recreation Department applied for a \$800,000 Middlesex County Open Space grant for two Harvest Woods Turf Field Replacements. South Brunswick was not eligible since they were part of the initial purchase. Recreation is waiting for quote for repairs to delay replacement.
- B. Division and Administrative Briefs –** Handouts distributed to all board members.
- C. Other –** Nothing at this time.

VII. Old Business

Discussion occurred about the stipends for SB PAL and SB Soccer. The Board is in agreement with the new formula for transparency that was presented.

VIII. New Business

The Recreation Department was awarded two grants. One grant awarded is for \$150,000 and will be used for new signs, fencing, etc. The other grant awarded is for \$430,000 and will be used to install a new ADA Playground at Reichler Park.

IX. Adjournment – Motion made by Craig Pietrefesa and seconded by Niki Brachowski. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.