

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Township of Lower Recreation Center – Superintendent's Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 PM**.

Roll Call

Present:

- Greg Douglass
- Bob Bonner
- Lonnie Bedell
- JoAnn McLaughlin
- Erik Collins
- Al Genz, Superintendent
- Bruce Fournier, Assistant Superintendent

Absent:

- Jen Elwell
- Neil Young
- Bryan Steere

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes (April meeting - No June meeting)

Motion by: Jeff Wunder

Second by: Erik Collins

The minutes were approved.

New Business

Introduction of New Recreation Superintendent

- Al Genz was introduced as the new Recreation Superintendent.
- Appreciation was expressed for Mitch Plenn and his service, along with a discussion emphasizing the importance of the Recreation Advisory Board.

Healthy Kids Running Series

- Discussed the possibility of hiring a coordinator to organize and oversee the program.

One Call Notification System

- The Board discussed continuing to advocate for the implementation of a One Call notification system to improve communication with residents.

Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run

- Scheduled for **August 1, 2026, at 8:30 AM.**

Pickleball Equipment

- Discussed purchasing pickleball paddles and equipment for Recreation Department use.
- Also discussed offering pickleball clinics for both youth and adults.

Art in the Park

- Discussed the possibility of incorporating an "Art in the Park" program into the Recreation Center.
- The concept would be offered at no charge.
- Wildwood's Byrne Plaza was mentioned as a successful example.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Public Comment

Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report

The following updates were provided:

- Summer Camp
- Community Pool
- Reduced pool pass fees
- Youth Football and Cheerleading registration
- Rotary Park Phase 2
- Wednesday Night Concert Series
- Upcoming special events

Remarks for the Good of the Order

None.

Adjournment

Motion by: Lonnie Bedell

Second by: Jeff Wunder

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: August 2026