



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 - 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida, was convened at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Loretta Fricks, Bonnie Utz, Ginger McQuigg, Cathy Sypniewski, Emily Schrader.

1. ROLL CALL

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Picnic Volunteers: PAR Committee is overseeing the volunteers for the 2026 Town Picnic. Volunteer check-in table at the Picnic. St Pete College will provide some students as volunteers for community service credits.
- b. Recruiting new volunteers: Each PAR member will attempt to recruit 3-5 new volunteers to fill needed slots. Mini flyers were given to each member to give to neighbors.
- c. Reminder calls to previous volunteers: PAR Committee is in the process of contacting previous volunteers to confirm their availability for the 2026 picnic. Each member gave an update on their progress thus far.
- d. At this month's Commissioners meeting Loretta Fricks gave a presentation (with the help of AI) regarding possible upgrades to our Town entrance signs and color on our benches. Upgrades to our Message Boards were presented and the new looks of the boards with a border and pertinent information.
- e. A full list of new names were read for renaming the Parks and Recreation committee.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Community Engagement discussion

- Adopt-A-Space program idea: Discussion of presenting an "adoption" program to the residents. Possible adoptions are storm drains, beach accesses, Info signs, pick up trash in a Park, and keep weeds and sand from inhibiting water flow in the curb by street.
- Essay Contest idea: "What does it mean to be Nature's Beach?" What incentives or prizes are possible. If schools are involved. Find out if there is any interest at Picnic.
- Food Trucks: A possible event for early next year.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Future meetings: Committee members discussed the frequency of future meetings. The general consensus is we will continue to meet monthly except for November and December.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Bonnie Utz, Secretary

Approved: September 30, 2026