

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall Council Chambers
6231 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Michele Cherney, John Dussliere, Barbara Hill, Rick Loughrey (virtually), Anne Neaf, Ed Schoonover (virtually) and Joy Sullivan.

Town Staff: Community Services Director Jeff Hauge and Recreation Manager Neill Mathes.

Town Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

BORCAB Members voted to allow BORCAB Members Loughrey and Schoonover to participate virtually.

Vice Chair Hill noted that Becky Guidry decided not to reapply and thanked her for her years of service with Bay Oaks.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BORCAB MEMBERS

BORCAB Members Neaf and Loughrey introduced themselves.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION: BORCAB Member Sullivan nominated Michele Cherney as Chair, seconded by BORCAB Member Dussliere.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Schoonover nominated Joy Sullivan and Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Cherney.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 17, 2025

In Public Comment, Howie's last name is Huffman. Michele Cherney spells her first name with one L.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Dussliere moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by BORCAB Member Sullivan.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VIII. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Hauge reported that the budget got cut and some services will no longer be provided. A quote for surveillance cameras and key fobs for added access at Bay Oaks was received, but before they move forward, the town attorney must be involved regarding liability issues. Park impact fees would cover the cost. In the meantime, they were working on offering additional hours on weekends. Quotes were coming in for shade sails at the fitness court and pickleball courts. The walking path will be concrete, six feet wide, and the field will be hydro-seeded again. Director Hauge described the layout of the pickleball courts. Chair Cherney stated that so many people showed up to play pickleball that they had to use the courts at Ocean Harbor. Manager Mathes provided details of the project and expected that it would be completed at the end of November. Director Hauge reported that the bid for the pool design was reissued and that only one proposal was needed. BORCAB Member Dusliere discussed why firms were not responding.

Manager Mathes noted that white vinyl fencing was added, new mulch and stone were added, eight parking spots were added, and a new hours-of-operation sign was installed. Twenty-five kids were enrolled in the Club Rec after-school program; 741 checked in for the gym from September 1st to October 21st; 10-14 participated in Friday evening basketball and all fitness classes have started back up. Fun days were available during the week of Thanksgiving, the BOSS club was doing well and November and December trips were scheduled. Euchre card games and a coffee and crochet group were being discussed, a middle school sports program was scheduled and a family holiday book reading event was set for December. Senior softball started; the Beach Kids pickleball tournament is in November; a Powerlifting America competition will be renting the rec center in November and a little league team will be using the field. Youth basketball organizations were interested in playing next year. Manager Mathes noted they were researching a program called Peach Jar to distribute flyers to schools. About 50 people attended the grand opening and Manager Mathes described events for Fright Night on Friday. Director Hauge thanked everyone who donated items.

Manager Mathes reported that he applied for the Silver Sneakers program and hoped to hear back soon. BORCAB Member Dusliere discussed creating a flyer or rack cards to promote the gym to organizations.

IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Proposal of Future Special Event for Bay Oaks Park

Manager Mathes described using the field for a taste of the beach event and possibly partnering with the Chamber. He added that the Friends could organize the event to raise money. Director Hauge will follow up with Jackie Lyszak from the Chamber.

X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Sullivan announced that she was organizing a pickleball tournament next March and the theme would be March Madness. She asked what the Community Foundation's donation would be used for, since the concession stand at the ball field was no longer in operation. Director Hauge noted it could be used at the snack bar at Bay Oaks.

BORCAB Member Neaf mentioned that weeds were growing out of the fitness court. Director Hauge replied that the area would be treated.

BORCAB Member Loughrey noted that the roof at Bay Oaks needed to be coated again. Director Hauge commented that he would follow up. Chair Cherney announced that the Friends of Bay Oaks now had a board and had finally received the check. She listed the members and noted they were looking for more.

BORCAB Member Dussliere stated that he purchased flowers, planted some trees and sent a donation on behalf of the volunteers of BORCAB. Director Hauge suggested adding a memorial bench at Bay Oaks along the walking path.

Director Hauge discussed moving forward with pocket parks without a match.

No items from other members.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – November 19, 2025, at noon.

Add concession stand, roof coatings, demand star pool quotes, silver sneakers, strategic goals and marketing.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to adjourn, seconded by BORCAB Member Dussliere.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
DATE

Vote: _____ Signature: _____