



TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE PARK BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
Cedar Lake Town Hall, 7408 Constitution Avenue
August 7, 2025, at 6:45 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Rodriguez called the Park Board Work Session to order on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:52 pm, with its members attending on-site

DISCUSSION:

1. 13035 Polk Street

Mr. Rodriguez stated that there needs to be discussion in regards to the demolition of the property and possibly have a road cut in. Mr. Kubiak stated that it would be smart to cut a road in at that time. There is a jack pump for the wells and Mr. Kubiak felt the well would not be worth saving. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kubiak also stated that the property is thirty-five feet wide and was unsure if they wanted to put some parking there or just put a road through with green space. Mr. Kubiak stated that the lot is also about one-hundred feet deep. He also suggested if you did the whole thirty-five-foot width, it should be able to have a drive way and some angled parking on one side. Mr. Kubiak recommends getting a base and not trying to pave instantly, it needs to be established. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jostes asked if the Town owned land could be turned into a park in the Shades subdivision. Mr. Kubiak stated that the house on the property next door comes right to the property line. There is also big trees and poison ivy. Mrs. Ray commented that if the Park Board would have to ask the town to establish it as a park space. Discussion ensued.

2. Park Rules

Mrs. Ray stated as the department is growing, we are identifying new rules that need to be established and updated to enforce some of the things that are happening. Mrs. Ray stated that a few Superintendents' Report ago she asked about revisions to Park Rules. Mrs. Ray stated that the Bartlett Wahlberg Shelter is about ready to open, it is an amenities shelter and not a rentable

shelter. There have been phone calls already to the office asking how many people can rent the space. Mrs. Ray asked the Park Board, “if they would consider putting a patron limit in park spaces, especially pertaining to shelters.”

Mrs. Ray stated that there is an unsaid no boat trailer parking on Town Grounds. There are three to four boat trailers here on weekends. This is happening because public access is getting full and people are launching their boat at public access and they found an empty lot to park. People are getting picked up here at the public pier. Town Grounds is not equipped for trailer parking. Mrs. Ray believes that this should be adopted in a Park Board Meeting so that it is enforceable.

Mrs. Ray also stated that parks are open from dawn to dusk, but we are finding people are on Town Grounds all hours of the night, people are utilizing our beach and restroom facility. This is resulting in maintenance issues. Mrs. Ray did request extra patrols for the lakefront parks in the summer months to enforce the dawn to dusk rule.

There are concerns in regards to the public art piece. There is climbing and misuse of the public art piece. It has been suggested that there are some rule signs placed by the art piece. Mrs. Ray stated that she cannot enforce a rule until the Park Board establishes a rule. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Rodriguez opened the floor for Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE PARK BOARD

Paul Rodriguez, President

Dave Jostes, Vice-President

Gayle Brannon, Member

Greg Marquardt, Member

ATTEST:

Sharon D'Apice, Recording Secretary

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(1) The date, time, and place of the meeting.

(2) The members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent.

(3) The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided.

(4) A record of all votes taken by individual members if there is a roll call.

(5) Any additional information required under section 3.5 or 3.6 of this chapter or any other statute that authorizes a governing body to conduct a meeting using an electronic means of communication.