Town of Swansboro
Swansboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
September 16, 2026

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Swansboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order on Wednesday, Sept 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM in Swansboro, NC.

Present: Deb Pylypiw, Matthew Prane, Elena Messenger, Jennifer Steele, and Ryan Swanson.

Absent: No Members were absent.

II. Reports

a. Updates: Director Stanley provided a quick update on the Municipal Park Revitalization Project. WithersRavel is currently working on the site master plan for Municipal Park and draft budget. The director will need to present the project to two civic organizations, hold a community meeting, present again to the Parks Board, and the Board of Commissions. The confirmed projects, dedicated pickleball courts, replacement of the tot lot, and resurfacing of the tennis courts, along with new proposed items will be presented. The information gathered from these meetings will help determine what will be presented in the final site plan and budget that will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 27, 2026.

III. New Business

a. Recreation Resource Services (RRS): Terri Stowers and Brittany Shipp
Recreation Resource Services provides supports to all public park and recreation departments in North Carolina. Terri Stowers is the consultant for the South Central Region and Brittany Shipp is the East Region.

b. RRS Overview presentation-topics covered were:
- Explanation of what RRS and the purpose of the organization, its vision and mission.
- Provides technical expertise and professional development through conferences, advisory board training, and leadership programs.
- Grant administration
- Applied research

c. Advisory Council presentation-topics covered were:
- Reviewed the advisory board's role in sharing community perspectives and advice.
- Discussed community needs and priorities with Parks and Recreation staff.
- Considered census data to support inclusive planning.
- Explored master planning, new programs, budget input, events, and volunteer support.
- Emphasized advocacy and staying informed.

IV. Old Business

V. Comments

VI. Adjournment- At 6:50 PM Matthew P called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ryan S. seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting October 21, 2026, 5:30 PM