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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Craig Setzer, Director

Department(s): Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Requested Motion

Motion to amend the Code of Ordinances, Sec 15-6 Opening and closing town parks; remaining in parks after closing; forfeiture of right to use park to set the opening time to 5:30am for designated parks

Approval Recommended?

Yes

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Possible Motion to amend the Code of Ordinance, Sec. 15-6 Opening and closing town parks; remaining in parks after closing; forfeiture of right to use park, to set the opening time of designated parks from 630 am to 530am. Staff initiated a 8-month pilot program to allow park usage at 530am to allow for additional access to facilities by residents. At the end of the pilot program it was determined that the additional hour did not substantially increase staff demand or resources from either Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources or Apex Police Department. The earlier opening time does not include opening of restroom facilities or gates for sports courts and fields. Parks included in the designated 530am opening are Apex Community Park, Apex Jaycee Park, Hunter Street Park, Kelly Road Park, Pleasant Park, Salem Pond Park, Nature Park and Seymour Athletic Fields & Seagrove's Farm.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) recommended staff's plan to pilot the earlier opening time prior to the 8-month program. The PRAB reviewed the results of the pilot program and at their September 30, 2026 meeting recommended staff's proposal to amend the Code of Ordinances to open designated parks at 530am.

Attachments

- CN10-A1: Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation, Section 15-6.

