



WINDERMERE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
January 14, 2021 AGENDA

In order to maintain a 1hour time schedule, the committee will address the monthly agenda items only unless time remains for New Business discussion at the end. Agenda items should always be submitted in advance for committee consideration.

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Limit):
2. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Events:
 - i. Windermere Pet Fest Sat.
 1. Create subcommittee for next year's event – On hold pending Covid
 - ii. 19th Annual UMC Run Among the Lakes
 1. Move 2021 race to October, 2021
 2. Orlando Health signed contract as new title sponsor – 2 year contract with 2 year option
 - iii. Halloween Costume Parade and Hayride Saturday, October 30, 2021(Doug)
 - b. Tennis
 - i. Tennis
 1. Lights on Main St.
 - Repair or Replace?
 2. Create tennis subcommittee? To research and make recommendations to the committee on court maintenance, improvements, issues
 - Research timing of court repavings
 - Self-locking gates
 - Reservation apps
 - Tennis events
 - Cameras?
 3. Problems with pros tying up courts
 - PD will trespass people using courts illegally
 - i. Trespass term – 6 months? One year?
 - c. Parks
 - i. CIP
 1. Fernwood Park –
 - Met with KH, will coordinate plans with stormwater needs

2. Central Park
 - New swings to be installed in February
 - Tree plan from Tree Board – see on table
 - Use old swing set at another park?
 - WRC?
 - Need new seats
3. Frank – kayak storage at parks

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Donna Steele resignation
- b. Dena O'Malley application

c. **MINUTES**

- i. Approval of November Meeting Minutes (Attached-Committee Option)

d. **Liaison Reports**

- i. Councilman McKinley
- ii. Robert Smith
- iii. Travis Mathias

4. **NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday February 11, 2021**

5. **ADJOURN**

**Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Proposed Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020**

Members Present: Doug Bowman, Nora Brophy, Lesha Miller, Frank Krens (Via Zoom), Tracy Mitchell

Others Present: Robert Smith

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nora Brophy. She noted that a quorum was present to approve official business.

Business Agenda

Old Business/Events

- A.** Park Statue Donation – Mr. John Nabors attended the PR meeting to announce a potential bronze statue donation for Windermere Parks. This is a Stanley Proctor artist bronze statue about 4 ½ feet tall. The members asked Mr. Nabors a few questions about the care and maintenance of the statue. It was also determined that the statue will ideally need a small concrete slab underneath which he will not be providing. The committee discussed several potential locations including 4th Street and Fernwood Park. Lesha Miller made a motion that was seconded and unanimously approved to accept the bronze statue donation.
- B.** Windermere Pet Fest – Nora announced that the event is on hold pending more COVID discussion and updates.
- C.** 18th & 19th Annual Run Among the Lakes – Nora indicated that 2020 event ended up with 655 participant runners. Talks are underway for 2021 including a new title sponsor. This prospective sponsor has requested a COVID refund clause which is being reviewed.
- D.** Halloween Costume Parade – Doug thanked the Mayor, Town Staff and Police Chief Ogden for being the core of this event. More candy had to be purchased for the kids because there were so many along the day of caravan route. Doug also thanked Town Manager Smith for suggesting this event idea during a past 2020 PR meeting.
- E.** CIP Plans (Central) – Nora mentioned that Schwartz & Associates has developed a proposal under \$10k to improved handicap access in the park including additional mulching. A motion was made and seconded to approve new swings and design/equipment to make the park more accessible for Central park guests. Susan Carter on behalf of the Tree Board will also be submitting a plan in the near future to upgrade the landscaping in the Park.
- F.** Kayak Storage – The general idea of kayak storage was discussed again and picking up from a prior meeting. Brief discussion ensued and some consensus that Windermere Rec Center might be the best initial location. Frank Krens

indicated he needed more time to research, and this topic will be put on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

- G. Fernwood Park Forum** – The proposed Boardwalk was discussed with an open forum for residents to comment during the meeting. Comments from participant residents included:
- a. Mr. Gurnig – He is concerned about the Boardwalk attracting rowdy beer drinkers
 - b. Angela Withers – She focused on impacts to wetlands and budget for planting landscaping in any affected area including having Landscape Architects make these decisions
 - c. Jim Willard – He indicated that his personal feeling about a cost/benefit analysis was not positive. He also voiced concern about pedestrian access and safety.
 - d. Bill Osborne – He expressed concern about in house planning of this amenity
 - e. Tom Stroup – He reiterated that attractive more people to the park is negative
 - f. Jessica Lee – She indicated her opposition due to mixing the amenity with boat ramp access
 - g. Anna Clonts – Her expressed feelings are about a loss of quality of life for those near the park
 - h. Ron Tegler – He is concerned about the pedestrian safety issue and the size of the Boardwalk
- H. Fernwood Park Action** – The committee turned their focus on the larger issue of the stormwater plan and how this effects Fernwood park planning including the Boardwalk. The Kimly Horn firm to design impact plans which may take up to 6 months. The desire of the committee is to meet with Kimly Horn to understand park impact and then to work with IDG to design park elements around these plans. Discussion ensued around separating approval of the Boardwalk from general clean-up and landscaping improvements for the park. Lesha made a motion that was seconded and unanimously approved to move forward in this regard on the clean-up and landscaping improvements.

A resident asked the Committee to articulate their larger plan to move forward on the Fernwood Park Boardwalk issue. After some discussion, Doug Bowman made a motion to table the existing Boardwalk plan, and move forward with more discussion and input after the Kimly Horn stormwater plan has been formulated. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the Boardwalk again if/when Kimly Horn has developed their recommendations in the near future. This motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

- A. Minutes Approval** – Meeting minutes from October, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted based on motion approvals.
- B. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.