

THE TOWN OF
Windermere



MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Mayor Jim O'Brien

Council Members

Chris Sapp

Andy Williams

Bill Martini

Tony Davit

Mandy David

Agenda

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August 24, 2021

6:30 PM

****PUBLIC WORKSHOP****

VIRTUAL

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/](https://zoom.us/)

MEETING ID: 885 6307 8120

PASSCODE: 348020

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1. All electronic devices, including cell phones and pagers, shall be either turned off or otherwise silenced.
2. Prolonged conversation shall be conducted outside Council meeting hall.
3. Whistling, heckling, gesturing, loud conversations, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
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5. Comments at public hearings shall be limited to the subject being considered by the Council
6. Comments at Open Forums shall be directed to Town issues.
7. All public comments shall avoid personal attacks and abusive language
8. No person attending a Town Council meeting is to harass, annoy, or otherwise disturb any other person in the room.

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AGENDA

- **THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR**
- **FLAG SALUTE**
- **INVOCATION**

1. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Limit)

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

- a. Lake Street Park & Lake Down Park Discussion (Attachments - Board Discussion)

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. MINUTES

b. ~~TIMED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING~~

c. ~~RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL/FIRST READING~~

d. ~~FINANCIAL~~

e. ~~OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION~~

4. MAYOR & COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

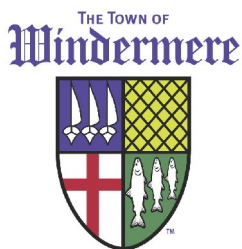
- a. MAYOR O'BRIEN
- b. COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS
- c. COUNCIL MEMBER SAPP
- d. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINI
- e. COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID
- f. COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIT

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. TOWN MANAGER ROBERT SMITH
- b. TOWN ATTORNEY HEATHER RAMOS
- c. POLICE CHIEF DAVE OGDEN
- d. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TONYA ELLIOTT-MOORE
- e. CLERK DOROTHY BURKHALTER

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- **REPORTS:**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Lake St. & Lake Down Park Discussion

REQUESTED ACTION: Board Discussion

Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 8/24/21
 Regular Meeting Special Meeting

CONTRACT: N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: TBD
 Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** _____
 Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** _____
 N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

Mayor & Council,

Over the years, Lake St. and Lake Down Park have become increasing popular with both Town and Non-Town Residents. With the increase in popularity comes the increase in unruly behavior. Neighbors and Police have witnessed an increase in drinking, drug use, noise and other complaints. Neighbors now fear retribution should they contact the police. This issue was brought to Parks & Recreation for comment, but they would like to see what direction Town Council would like to take since it is a Public Park but agree something has to be done.

What current steps has the Town taken:

- Increased Signage (Park Rules, No Parking)
- Installing Security Cameras at both locations (not yet operational)
- Increased Patrols of the areas.
- Split Rail Fencing

Can the Park become a Private-Resident Only Park?

Yes, however not without some logistical issues and costs. All it would take would be a resolution from the Town Council to redesignate the Parks.

Florida Recreational Assistance Grant Program (FRDAP):

In FY 207/2008, the Town was awarded a FRDAP grant in the amount of \$112,500 for improvements which included both Lake St. and Lake Down Parks. Should the Town wish to make these private resident only parks, the Town would have to pay back the FRDAP funds with interest. Staff estimates this would be @ \$130,000-\$140,000. The Town would not be prevented from asking for FRDAP funds for other parks in the future.

Logistics of redesignating the Park to Resident Only:

- Fence and Gate will need to be installed
- Will look to install key fob system (card reader) However, there are issues with this system and the maintenance:
- Will need to give each household a free key fob (this is not like tennis courts or boat pass)

Enforcement:

- Intent to enforce or more of a deterrent
- How would PD know who is a resident and who is not? If non residents found at park they can be trespassed if not a guest of resident. How many guests are residents allowed?
- Does this create more public perception issues of Police vs. Public

Other ideas:

- People have suggested creating a swim area but then does that attract more people to the areas? Purpose would be to push the boats and jet skis further away from the locations.
- People have suggested removal of some structures: (roof so no kids can jump off, the docks themselves, etc.)
- Amending the times of the parks access
- Adding no parking signage around parks

As with cut thru traffic issue, the Town Council is again stuck with a balancing act of possibly adding more restrictions to the residents due to an issue that is being created by nonresident actors. This is not an easy issue to solve which is the purpose of this workshop.