

**Town of Windermere  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes/Notes  
August 13, 2020**

**Members Present:** Doug Bowman, Nora Brophy, Sherry Cassidy, Leisha Miller

**Others Present:** Scott Brown, 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.** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Run Among the Lakes – Nora announced that the 5K race will now be a virtual race using the actual race course from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The racejoy app will track and post results for the individual participants. She noted that virtual races have become popular in light of COVID and the committee is trying to avoid refunds. We will still load medals and race bibs for those that participate. Nora finally mentioned that she needs volunteers for cheering for the virtual app.
- B.** Parks Update (Fernwood) – Robert indicated the Central Park grant will be closed out soon. The Fernwood park grant has been pulled due to concerns over public access issue. Self-funding will now need to be the case for Fernwood.
- C.** Park Charette (Fernwood) – Robert indicated that he can present a public charette via telemeeting. Due to other park planning, he can also get additional ideas on parking and logistics. He noted that the purpose of the charette is to listen to residents for ideas, concerns and options. The committee agreed that a charette meeting before the end of the year is desirable. Robert also noted that the charette will be advertised with the hope of residents providing some level of feedback before the meeting time to facilitate discussion.
- D.** Lake Down – Nora indicated that grass is growing up on right side of park by Cypress trees. Scott indicated he would take a look.
- E.** Park Among the Lakes – The committee complimented Scott on the aesthetic appearance of the new hedge by the courts.
- F.** Kayak Storage – Frank indicated that a resident had presented him the idea of kayak storage for a fee by Palmer park in the area developed by Rotary several years ago. Several questions were presented and Frank will go back for more discussion. Frank also mentioned that he will pick up the late Bill Criswell’s plaque and move it by his deceased wife’s plaque by the bench area of the park.
- G.** Halloween Costume Parade – Nora indicated that she would like to focus on the parade aspect of the event. It was generally agreed that a public event will depend on what COVID phase the county is in for October. Other ideas

included a simple trunk or treat where cars drive by Town Hall, but there were some concerns for that if the town were the only municipality hosting something. The consensus was to re-assess in September for planning ideas.

- H.** General Tennis – Robert mentioned that he will finalize the tennis rules before the October 1<sup>st</sup> key renewals. The committee discussed the tennis app again and it was agreed that the members will monitor court usage to determine if a resident usage problem persists after schools re-open. Doug noted that MG Tennis had requested use of Windermere Rec Center beginning in September from 5-7 pm for 2 courts for kid’s tennis clinics. These will be held Monday thru Thursday evenings. Finally, Doug mentioned that \$858 was collected in town revenues for the 4 summer tennis camps.

**New Business**

- A.** Minutes Approval – Meeting minutes from July were deferred to the September meeting
- B.** Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.