

**Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021**

Members Present: Doug Bowman, Nora Brophy, Shery Cassidy, Lesha Miller, Tracy Mitchell

Others Present: Travis Mathias, Bob McKinley, Dena O'Malley, Susan Carter

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.** Central Park – Susan Carter attended the meeting representing the Windermere Tree Board. She noted that a plan was in progress for replacing 17 trees in Central Park including native trees and trees requiring less maintenance. Susan also mentioned that a plan needed to be cognizant of power lines at Central Park. After discussion, a workshop time was established for a walkthrough of Central Park and for Windermere Rec Center as well.
- B.** 20th Annual Run Among the Lakes – Nora indicated that Orlando Health had signed a contract to be the presenting sponsor for the 2021 event. Nora mentioned that potential 2021 dates had been discussed, but she needed to coordinate with Chief Ogden on a final date.
- C.** Halloween Hayride & Costume Parade Sat, Oct. 30th 2021 – Doug Bowman indicated that he will verify with Diane Edwards that Town Hall is booked for the October 30, 2021 event.
- D.** Tennis – The committee discussed the continuing problems surrounding tennis pro usage on the Windermere courts. The committee discussed the “trespass” option for pros or others in gross and willful violation of tennis rules for timeframe violations and/or non resident play. Bob McKinley agreed to visit with Town Manager Smith regarding a consistent protocol process for trespassing tennis rule violators. Chief Ogden had expressed concern to Doug about enforcement consistency, and that the committee was aligned towards these actions. The committee also agreed to research “self locking” gates on the tennis courts with Travis’ help. The idea would be to keep out non residents who do not have a tennis member key to access the courts.

Doug also mentioned that Marcelo Gouts had requested use of WRC for the January thru June period for the kid’s clinics. The time for these is 5:00 to 7:00 pm for 2 courts at WRC. The committee had no objections, and Doug agreed to post a notice at WRC for these clinics.

Maintenance at the town tennis courts was also discussed. Nora mentioned that we appear to have lighting issues both at WRC and at the Main Street courts. Travis indicated that he will be using a cherry picker to change out lights at the Main Street courts in January. Doug also mentioned lots of acorns on Main Street #1 which presents a player issue. Travis indicated the Town staff will look into what can be done to trim the trees back to avoid this issue.

- E.** Fernwood – The Kimly-Horn stormwater design plan has not been finalized. The committee is waiting on the design plan before outlining any next steps for the park.
- F.** Kayak Storage – Frank Krens not present for follow up ideas from George Poelker and what parks might be best suited for the kayak storage idea.

New Business

- A.** Donna Steele – Nora announced that Donna Steele had officially resigned from the committee. Bob noted that the town will hold a special awards ceremony for Donna's years of service on February 10th during the Town Council meeting.
- B.** New Member Approval – In lieu of Donna Steele's resignation, Tracy Mitchell made a motion to nominate Dena O'Malley to the PR committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- C.** Central Park Improvements – Nora noted that the park swings should be in in January. The old swings can be saved and placed in another park and TBD. The statue donated by Mr. Nabors will need a concrete slab before installation. This slab should be ready in February.
- D.** Minutes Approval – Meeting minutes for November 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted based on motion approvals.
- E.** Liaison Reports – Bob McKinley mentioned the boathouses during his Liaison report, and the longer term need for planning this issue. Bob also indicated he will not be seeking re-election to the Town Council.
- F.** Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.