

**Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021**

Members Present: Doug Bowman, Nora Brophy, Shery Cassidy, Dena O' Malley, Cindy Hunter

Others Present: Mandy David, Tonya Elliott-Moore

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. Windermere Petfest – Nora indicated that she had chosen a proposed March 5, 2022 date for the popular event. A motion was made and seconded to approve this date. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. 19th Annual Run Among the Lakes – Nora noted that she needed volunteer advertisement managers to help with the October 16, 2021 event. Cindy and Dena offered to volunteer, and Nora will send them more task details.
- C. Tennis – Dena covered the existing tennis punchlist including: Metal fencing on WRC courts 1 and 3, self locking door research at WRC, potential surveillance signage, tennis light post painting, backboard line painting (Main Street), WRC paver walkway estimate and Main Street resurface quotes and renovation dates. Tonya agreed to call Varsity Courts to discuss the logistics of surface leveling proposed WRC pickleball courts. The committee also indicated to Tonya that late July or August would be the earliest recommended dates for resurfacing the Main Street courts,

The proposed paver path connecting to the WRC tennis courts was discussed. Committee members that this is a priority and worthy of funding. After some discussion, it was agreed that this should be considered within the larger context of grants for WRC and should be re-considered with more updates in the next 2 months.

- D. Central Park – Several members noted that the new statue in the park looks terrific
- E. Doggie Waste Stations – Tonya indicated that all the poles had been installed and bins to be placed soon
- F. Windermere Rec Center – Nora indicated that there is an existing proposal for \$28k for playground equipment which includes swings, slide and a climber. This will need approval at the next Town Council meeting.
- G. Parks/Rec Website – Nora thanked Dena for getting content updated on a timely basis.

New Business

- A.** Park Facilities Commercialization – Nora noted that Town Manager Robert Smith had requested an official recommended stance from the committee based on a request to use the WRC pavilion for Yoga classes. The committee agreed that the parks were amenities of the town, and were designed for the enjoyment by residents and their guests. The committee discussed the existing examples of park facilities commercialization/monetization including fee reservation rentals for the WRC and Central Park pavilions, and the kid’s tennis program with utilization of 2 WRC tennis courts. A motion was made by Cindy Hunter and seconded to avoid further commercializing town facilities with the exception of the 3 forementioned examples. Discussion ensued around ways to encourage activity in the parks without sacrificing usability by the residents. It was noted that some individuals were putting up signage to discourage using the pavilion during times that individuals were not paying for exclusive privileged use of the pavilion. This motion to discourage further commercialization for was approved unanimously.
- B.** Meeting minutes for the April 8th, 2021 regular meeting were approved by the committee
- C.** Council Liaison Report – Mandy noted that the WRC entrance move was being considered by the Town Council. There would be follow up details on this in the future.
- D.** Town Manager/Town Staff Reports - Tonya had comments and feedback during the business agenda so no separate report was made to the committee.
- E.** Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.