

**Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2021**

Members Present: Nora Brophy, Lesha Miller, Cindy Hunter, Dena O'Malley, Doug Bowman

Others Present: Tonya Elliott-Moore, Mandy David

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nora Brophy based on a quorum present to conduct business.

Business Agenda

Old Business/Items

Parks & Events Updates Updates

- A.** Run Among the Lakes – Nora noted that attendance and participation for the 5K Run was among the highest in the 20 year history. Cindy indicated that financial information is still being gathered to determine a final profit for the event.
- B.** Halloween Costume Parade – The committee expressed thanks to Tracy Mitchell for managing the event. Lesha mentioned that over 300 goodie bags were passed out for the event indicating a very good turnout.
- C.** Windermere PetFest – Nora noted that she has already been contacted by interested vendors. She also indicated a need to get a least one large sponsor vendor to make a financial profit on the event. Discussion ensued about ideas for a large sponsorship and compatibility with the Animal Clinic of Windermere.
- D.** Tennis – The committee thanked Dena for all her work on the new self-locking gates for both tennis areas. The committee notes that the gates seem to be keeping out non-residents at this point. Several members also commented about how great the new signage looked. Dena asked Tonya to look into the ant infestation at WRC and if there is anything that could be applied by the Town's pest service provider.
- E.** Windermere Rec Center – Nora noted that a Tree Board plan for the trees in WRC is being developed. As a follow up to the October special meeting, no date has been set yet for the playground equipment installation. Discussion ensued about the fencing around the playground.

Pickleball – The committee discussed the input from residents at the special meeting. Doug expressed disappointment that more residents in favor did not attend the meeting as had expressed support in the town survey. He also noted that the resident issues brought forth during the meeting were helpful, but most had been previously discussed by the committee. Among others these included ways to mitigate mild noise from pickleball play and some loss of

parking spots. The committee discussed ways to solidify if there was more support for this rec amenity among the residents. Tonya agreed to research if a 3rd party non-profit group could objectively assist the committee polling residents of their support to continue committee interest in this project.

New Business/Items

- A. Art in New Town Office – Nora asked the committee about their interest in placing 5K procured art in the new town offices. Nora will work on a date to review the facility and advise for recommended placement.
- B. Liaison Report – Mandy indicated that the committee needs to start thinking about 2022 requested projects. The committee agreed to schedule a parks walk through in December to jumpstart that process.
- C. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.