

Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

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

Others Present: Tonya Elliott-Moore, Mandy David

Guest in Attendance:

Zoe Villain – 2617 Carter Grove

Greg D'Amato – 2642 Tryon Place

Tom Haberkamp – 2705 Tryon Place

Ed Williams – 2712 Tryon Place

Anne Williams – 2712 Tryon Place

Howard York – 2624 Carter Grove Circle

Clotilde Picquet – 2720 Tryon Place

Francisco (Pacho) Sierra – 2511 Tryon Place

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers – 2713 Tryon Place

Nancy Nix (Near Lake Bessie)

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

Open Forum/Public Comment began at 3:45pm with guests granted 3 minutes:

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers – Concern about possible pickleball courts. Concerned about effects on wildlife, parking demands, noise and the draw of people to the park that are not Windermere Residents.

Clotilde Picquet – Concerned about possible pickleball courts because her home is located next to the proposed site and she doesn't want the noise

Ed Williams – Concerned that vegetation will not make a difference in dampening the noise and the impact on parking. He has no problem with tennis or the playground. Mentioned that trees can not be planted in the Manor's retention pond. Feels we should look for a different location.

Howard York – Echoed the concern with sound. Concerned with traffic, specifically about egress from park. Thinks this will increase accidents.

Greg D'Amato – Concerned about noise and traffic. This will change the peaceful nature of Windermere.

Ann Williams – Mentioned that noise travels more off the surface of water, so pickleball will be very loud.

Zoe Villian – Walks every day with her dog in this park to enjoy the peaceful setting. Pickleball is loud and will take away the peaceful nature of this park.

The residents also got an impression from Robert that the pickleball option was taken off the table after the Zoom call this fall.

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers – Also mentioned that we need to be careful with the tree roots regarding the mulch and the new playground.

Business Agenda

Old Business/Items

Parks & Events Updates

A. 19th Annual Run Among the Lakes – Cindy indicated that the 5K Run brought in one of the highest revenue totals in the 19 year history of the event.

B. Halloween Costume Parade – Nora noted that 2021 spend for the event was only \$1,100. The event is scheduled for October 29th this year (2022).

C. Windermere PetFest – Nora summarized some of the event planning logistics. She also mentioned some potential sponsors in order to make this a more profitable event. Additional veterinarians are not being solicited, but commercial pet boarders are acceptable new sponsors. She also mentioned that Kim Head is working on videos for Facebook and social media posts. Nora thanked Kim for her support.

D. Tennis – The committee thanked Dena for her work getting the new windscreens ordered. They are expected in within the next 45 days, and are to be picked up in Deland. The committee mentioned that MG Tennis had reported kid’s tennis revenue to the Town for 2021, and it was \$2,800. Doug noted that this is about half what the town needs on a regular basis to reserve for tennis court resurfacing (6 courts) every 4-5 years.

E. Parks – The committee thanked Tonya for her help getting the Univ of Florida parks research opportunity lined up. Nora asked for questions from committee members to be submitted by January 27th and sent to Doug. All parks are to be considered for survey questions with both active and passive activity surveying. The committee discussed the ongoing input for adding a dog park in town as part of the general discussion,

New Business/Items

A. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 9th, 2021 meeting minutes.

B. Liaison Report – Mandy had no formal report for the committee. She did mention that 5K artwork will be placed in non-public areas of the new Town Administration building.

C. Stephen Withers : New Town Admin Artwork - Nora noted that Stephen Withers had asked the committee to consider the role of being the gatekeeper for new art placement requests for the Town Admin facilities. The committee had a discussion related to the past history of the committee donations, and the PR committee role moving forward. The committee unanimously agreed that this gatekeeper role most closely and properly fits with the Historic Preservation committee. Nora mentioned she will send this recommendation on to Mr. Withers.

D. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 10th, 2022.