

**Town of Windermere**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2022**

Members Present: Nora Brophy, Dena O'Malley, Doug Bowman, Tracy Mitchell, Pacho Sierra, Lesha Miller

Others Present: Travis Mathias, Mandy David, Tim 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**

A. 21st Annual UMC Run Among the Lakes – There are 315 committed runners at this point which is on par with participation in the past according to Nora. Sponsorship sales are going well with over \$30,000 raised at this point for this event on October 15th. Nora also mentioned that the event will be seeking lots of volunteers including the Town Teen Ways Committee and kids from local schools. Nora also asked Doug to request the front lot usage by the old United Medical building from the Quiroga family.

B. Halloween Costume Parade – This October 29<sup>th</sup> event is now being planned by Tracy Mitchell. Tracy indicated that she is starting to buy decorations for Town Hall.

C. PetFest – This event is on February 25, 2023. Nora noted that this is now in the planning phase.

D. Tennis – Dena thanked the Public Works team for putting up the new windscreens at Windermere Rec Center. Doug also announced that attendance for the kid's tennis camps was down a little with 12 kids participating in the 3 summer sessions.

E. Parks Discussion

1. Parks Walk Through – Nora asked for a volunteer to walk the parks on a regular basis and to complete a maintenance checklist noting identified items. Pacho agreed to do this task on an interim basis.

2. Lake Down Park – Mandy indicated that the issues at Lake Down Park had been discussed at the last Town Council meeting. The Council voted 4-1 to research privatizing the park along with other pending ideas to alleviate some of the park issues.

3. Palmer Park – Nora mentioned that Sue Ann had solicited some bid estimates for several items in the park. This included a shade structure for the kid's playground. Some members made some comments about the potential cost for this amenity.

F. Membership – Bios were presented for Pacho Sierra and Sue Ann Reichart. A motion was made and seconded to approve these 2 new members. This was approved unanimously.

### **New Business/Items**

A. ASL In Windermere Parks – Tim David attended the meeting and agreed to do more research on ASL graphics on park signage

B. Florida Recreation Parks Association (FRPA) – Tonya had provided initial research on the convention/product show. A motion was made and seconded to purchase 2 passes at \$400 each to attend this event in late August.

C. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve both the June 16, 2022 and July 14, 2022 meeting minutes.

D. Liaison Report (Mandy David) – Council member Mandy David noted that privatizing park grants will be discussed by the Council and a special workshop on this topic will follow in the future.

C. Public Works, Travis Mathias – Travis attended in Tonya's absence and commented on the amenities in Palmer Park. He mentioned some of the playground equipment as needing immediate attention. Nora did make comments around the condition of the Lake Street shoreline and as being overgrown.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.