

Town of Windermere
Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

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

Others Present: Tonya Elliott-Moore, Mandy David, Jill Ata, Liz Beavers, Denise Tormei, Mike Tormei, Martel Davis

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

Business Agenda

Open Forum

A. Denise Tormei made some public forum comments regarding the problems at Lake Down Park. She indicated that the park is overrun and there is lots of police activity. She also noted a no wake zone needs to be enforced on the lake along with overall security enforcement. Mike Tormei also pressed the need to charge non-residents a fee as a way to control the problem.

Old Business/Items

Parks & Events Updates

A. 21st Annual UMC Run Among the Lakes – Nora Brophy mentioned that the team has sold over 22 sponsorships so far. Over \$20 thousand in sponsor revenues has been collected at this point. Nora thanked the hard work of Dena and others in marketing these sponsorships. Logistics for food, parking and awards were briefly discussed.

Nora also noted that over 700 sign-ups have been received so far. This is ahead of last year's pace of participants.

B. Halloween Costume Parade & Hayride – Tracy Mitchell mentioned that she has collaborated with the town office to prepare 400 kid's goodie bags. She also noted that a Bounce House has been ordered and Travis Mathias is helping with materials

for the hayride. She has also contacted Jim O'Brien to escort the kids around Town Hall to open the parade.

C. Petfest – No updates for this February 2023 event

D. Tennis – Nora mentioned that there has been a tennis pro complaint, and the committee will monitor this situation.

E. Parks – The WRC new kid's equipment has been ordered, but has not arrived. Tonya noted that the town is waiting on the install date. Nora also noted along with other committee members that regular commercial activities seem to still be taking place at the park. A general discussion ensued about the need to put in permanent signage by the pavilion about "no commercialized activities" should be held at the facility.

Tonya mentioned that some exterior maintenance vendor changes are being initiated. She acknowledged that exterior maintenance in some parts of the town can be performed better.

Palmer Park was also discussed. The committee is gathering new prices on the shade structure. Prices for fixing swings and replacing pod structures are also in motion. The committee will also gather proposals for the big kid's equipment in the park as well.

E. Membership – The committee discussed Lesha Miller's resignation from the committee and a new application for that Board seat from Jill Ata who attended the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to fill Lesha's seat with Jill Ata.

New Business/Items

A. Holiday Hoopla Donation – Liz Beavers represented the Holiday Hoopla committee. She indicated that the December 2022 theme is "Polar Express" and she ran thru some of the event activities. The Holiday Hoopla committee requested a 1 time donation to put on the event. The HH committee is also seeking funds from other sources. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$2,000 on a 1 time basis to put on this event. Discussion ensued around making sure this donation is solely for 2022, and the committee has funding needs for other event priorities in 2023.

B. Meeting Minutes – The August meeting minutes were not submitted on time. They will be reviewed and available on the business agenda for October.

C. Liaison Mandy David – Council member Mandy David noted some updates on the town boathouses and workshops coming up for the 5th Street Park issues.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.