**Town of Windermere**

**Parks and Recreation Committee**

**Proposed Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2023**

Members Present: Nora Brophy, Dena O’Malley, Doug Bowman, Tracy Mitchell, Jill Ata

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

Open Forum

A. No resident guests were present for comments.

Old Business/Items

Parks & Events Updates

A, Petfest (2024) – Nora noted that 2 Petfest dates in February 2024 have been booked. A final date will be selected to avoid a Friday night Food Truck event the day prior.

B. 21st Annual UMC Run Among the Lakes – Nora Brophy mentioned that the 5K Run website for the October 2024 event is live and participants are already registering. Nora also indicated a desire to make the 5K Run more generic so it can be used year after year.

C. Tennis/Pickleball – Nora shared that the Town had received recent additional non-resident tennis pro complaints. The committee agreed that an interim step to discourage this before the summer tennis rush starts is needed. The group discussed sending an email to all resident tennis members to call out residents giving out their keys which seems to be the core issue. An adult social event was also discussed for October thru December similar to what was done a few years ago pre-Covid. Doug agreed to call Marcelo Gouts and get some prospective dates and cost for pros to attend for the May meeting Additional details can be discussed at a later date. Dena shared a few tennis maintenance items and Tonya agreed to research with the PW team.

Tonya is also working on getting the pickleball nets in and Main Street Court 1 lined by Varsity Courts.

D. Parks – Tonya indicated that FEMA is coming on April 24th to review Lake Down Park. This needs to be done before re-opening.

Tonya mentioned that for the Palmer Park small kids playground, her PW staff can perform the handicap access changes in-house. On the shade structure, she will request an ETA from the vendor.

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.

Nora indicated that the open field by Forest Street would make a nice place for kids to play sports on, and adding a soccer goal was discussed. The idea of placing a soccer goal was introduced, and the group agreed that a goal would be practical only if it can be properly anchored in the ground. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a soccer goal with security anchors to place in this area at a cost of $200 or less.

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. Meeting Minutes – The March meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.

C. Liaison Mandy David – Council member Mandy David had no Town updates for the committee

D. Liaison Tonya Elliott-Moore – Tonya had no updates for the committee.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall.