



Howey-in-the-Hills  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
Howey Library, Thursday December 9, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order: 7:00pm**

**Attendance: Pat Miller, Rachel Bartolowits, Staci Broad Mauro, Thomas Silvanic, Ariel (A.J.) Quinones.**

**Approval of November Minutes: Approved**

**Reports & Announcements:**

Line Dancing- free line dancing event will be at 11am on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Park Assessments: All parks have been reviewed. Well #3 needs some work on the plants in the brick planter. New public services director will start Monday and will be notified. Cemetery projects are on hold. Central Park- there is a possibly empty wasp nest on the library side basketball hoop. Fence needs replaced. Court needs washed. Wood perimeter around swing set is deteriorating. Sara Maude Mason- boards were powerwashed and are going to put sealant on in February.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

New applicants for Parks: Thomas Silvanic and AJ Quinones.

There is a chapter in the ordinances called chapter 49, Parks and Recreation. In a twelve month period, three total absences is considered forfeiture of the spot on the board. (Videoconferencing attendance is permissible.) The term of each members appointment on the board is two years.

Need to let the town clerk know about what we want to do with our new applicants and then have the Board approve their applications at the next council meeting.

Sean the financial manager- reviewing the five year comprehensive capital improvement plan: redecking Griffin Park. Replacing the piers along the lake. Should have hand rails on both sides of new piers and some type of path from the sidewalk to the piers themselves. Town is trying to get a grant to help with the basketball court and fence at Central Park. Considering where we could put a pickleball court.

Public safety complex out number two road- new police station and fire station is being built. May also include trails and a park and a footbridge over the wetland area. Suggested a real restroom for Griffin Park now that there is a sewer.

Is there somewhere we could/should put a stage for town events? Can we propose a food truck night where we close down a section of road by the lake and have a festival?

Christmas Events in Howey are this weekend.

People are dumping garbage in Sara Maude Mason Park at night. We need a better gate that locks.

Electronic sign is coming to Howey where the fountain is by town hall.

**Long Range Planning:**

**Board Comments:** Above by topic

**Public Comments:** Above by topic

**Adjourn: 8:09pm**

PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES 286 0105 ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 286 26 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK 101 N PALM AVENUE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FL 34737 (352) 324-2290 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

**NOTICE: ONE OR MORE COUNCILORS MAY BE PRESENT TO HEAR OR PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE TOWN COUNCIL FOR ACTION.**

Approved: Patricia L. Miller 1/13/2022