

Howey-in-the-Hills Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
February 8, 2018 Minutes

Attendees: Peggy Ernest, Martha MacFarlane, Pat Miller, John Ernest, Charlotte Maffia, Audrey Reed, Jayne Spangler, John Slocum

**Reports & Announcements:**

**Events Committee** – No update

**Public Services Report and Parks Survey**

- The Sara Maude Mason boardwalk has been repaired and washed.
- The Griffin Park pier decking may be replaced this spring.
- Parks Surveys: All of the parks look good. Plant refresh is planned for Blevins. Public Services will do a spring clean-up including fertilizer.
  - FEMA will pay to replace the hurricane damaged, Griffin Park table top

**Old Business**

**Sculpture Update**

- The artist was contacted about adding a nest to the sculpture, he didn't think it would add to the sculpture. He did like the proposed mounting idea. The project is scheduled to complete in August.
- Public Services will install the gate/fencing around the power pole and boxes on the back side of the Library.

**Howey Welcome Booklet**

- Final version is pending Mayor's review and approval to go to print.

**Library Landscaping Update**

- Audrey read an article on native plant benefits and again requested that native plants be used to landscape the front of the Library.
- Public Services requested bids from 5 landscapers, 2 declined to participate including the native plant company suggested by Audrey Reed. P&R reviewed the bids and voted to present the bid from Preferred Landscapes LLC to the Mayor for approval.
- Jayne inquired about the project schedule; she would like to pot the native plants and "give them some love" before placing them in the new Central Park native plant area.
- Audrey recommended naming the area the Birds and Butterfly Garden.
- The goal is to complete the project before March 31, 2018, to allow the plants to acclimate before the summer heat.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha MacFarlane

