Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Howey-in-the-Hills Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2018

Attendees: Kelly Cook, Martha MacFarlane, Pat Miller, Sal Gallelli, Peter Tuite

Reports and Announcements:

Finance: The FY-2019 budget was discussed and noted that we will move forward asap to begin fulfilling the expenditure of the approved funds. We discussed the Sarah Maude Mason Reserve and setting aside funds in future years to plan for the upkeep and maintenance of this beautiful area. We also discussed that we would pursue further avenues in acquiring grants to do this as well.

Events: We were not certain that a Halloween event will take place, but will try to find out from the events coordinator. A Veteran's Day event is being planned for November 10, 2018, in Bleven's Patriot's Park.

Public Services Report: Kelly read the report sent to her by the Public Services director. Several items were taken care of in various areas of the town. We were interested to know if trimming of shrubs on either side of Town Hall would be taking place.

Old Business

Parks Surveys: In the future each committee member will review all parks and recreation areas and forward observations to the committee and/or to the public services director, instead of assigning a specific area to a specific member to survey. We will all take part in all areas of the town.

Invasive Plants in Sarah Maude Mason Reserve: Peter will submit to the committee a plan describing when this will take place, how it will take place and who will address the problem. Three estimates will be acquired to fulfill the requirement of obtaining bids from three companies if the amount is going to be over \$2K. Peter will submit this plan to the committee at the October meeting. We will keep the Public Services Director informed of each step we are pursuing.

Florida Friendly Ordinance: Peter will contact outside assistance and prepare a plan to address the planting along 50' of an area along the lake near the pier and boat dock.

New Business:

Since our long-time member, Martha MacFarlane has been assigned to sit on the town council until the town elections in November, she resigned from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. We will ask that a vacancy announcement be sent out to fill this seat on the committee. Congratulations to Martha.

Due to a conflict, the next meeting will take place on <u>Friday</u>, October 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

UPDATE: Due to scheduling conflicts, meeting was rescheduled for 10/25/18, 6 pm in the library. Due to budget constraints, invasive plants in SMM will be on hold.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Miller

Approved

Kelly Cook, Chairwoman