

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes-February, 14, 2019

Attendees:

Kelly Cook, Sal Gallelli, Pat Miller, Peter Tuite
Martha MacFarlane, Jan McClain

Minutes of January 10, approved

Meeting convened at 7:22 p.m. Another meeting was in progress at 7 pm

The Public Services report was read. Several maintenance items have been taken care of in the parks and around town. The Public Services Director is requesting volunteer assistance with weeding Blevins Patriot's Park. Peter and Kelly said they may be able to help depending on time.

Martha provided an explanation on how Parks budget should actually be overseen by a staff person, namely the Public Services Director. Parks Committee is not, and never has been, in a position to oversee spending, tracking, or administering budgeted items. Beginning immediately, the Parks Committee will advise Council and/or the Public Services Director directly on items we are recommending to purchase, maintain or in some other way provide in relation to all parks within Howey in the Hills. The Parks Committee will no longer attend budget meetings or track spending.

The Florida Fertilizer Ordinance plantings will take place in March along the shore of Little Lake Harris. The 50' area will have Florida friendly plants installed to reduce nutrient run-off which would normally pollute the lake. This test site is a project the town of Howey-in-the Hills will use to demonstrate to other communities how to help take care of our beautiful lakes.

The Founder's Day celebration will take place on May 11th behind town hall. The Parks Committee will have a table for attendees to sign up to volunteer, or to buy a memorial brick. Anyone wishing to help at the table, please contact Pat.

At the March meeting all members will provide their items for discussion for recommendations to be made to Council on fiscal year 2020 budget. Please include approximate pricing of items submitted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Miller, Secretary

Approved: _____
Kelly Cook, Chair Date