



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
6:30 P.M. – Howey Library
MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Pat Miller, Staci Broad-Mauro, Rachel Bartolowits, Kelly Cook

Approval of Minutes: Approved. Minutes once approved should be emailed to jbrock@howey.org
Subject line "Parks minutes as approved by Pat"

Old Business:

Flags for Blevins Patriot's Park: These have been installed and look great.

Griffin Park- they're putting a new border around the swings and will be putting mulch at the end of March.

Safety inspection was done on all parks.

Central Park: Swing chains will be replaced and the area around the swings will be enlarged to comply with new standards. Benches are in place but can be moved.

Sara Maude: boardwalk: some boards have been replaced, they removed some old equipment from the park and will re-mulch those sections.

Electronic sign: chief of police has applied for a grant for the electronic sign.

The mural location: Mayor Martha is okay with a mural being on Howey Market but wants to ask the Council. We need to go to the Council Meeting and ask for an update in public comment as to their approval of the mural location. We also need to check back in with Leslie, the owner of the Howey Market, to make sure she's still good with the mural location.

New Business:

Bump-outs on Lakeshore Drive. It's been suggested that Parks and Rec take over the maintenance of these bump-outs, or at least managing a volunteer team that's doing this. Parks and Rec does not believe this is a Parks issue.

Candy Stop Signs: We had some extras. Library doesn't have room to store them. John approved keeping them in Public Services Garage. John went to get them at the library and they weren't there. How many more should we order?

Bicycle Trails: There is a trail in production that will come through Howey. April 29th meeting. Keep this on Parks radar.

Grant-writing presentation: At the council meeting last night there was a presentation by a grant-writing services entity. Town has a list of items that it would like to get grants for and this entity provides assistance in locating and applying for grants. Town is deciding if it will use this entity.

Events: They're doing great. The mansion is assisting. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a citrus event in May- Howey Founder's Day. There will be a Name the Alley contest as part of the Founder's Day event. How do we get the word out about the events that are happening

here? Should we submit events to VisitLakeCounty? Internet/social media presence to get information out? The Howey Tribune is no longer being created and they need volunteers to put work in to be able to start sending out the Tribune again. Should there be a PR or advertising employee of town hall whose job it is to notify everyone of Howey Events.

Budget: There is going to be a workshop on the halfway mark of the budget. What kind of things do we want to ask for to add to the parks? Interested in asking for a new porch swing type thing? Could we put something different on the foursquare pad in Central Park- possibly tetherball could go there. Possibly add an Expression Swing Toddler. On gametime.com. Need new equipment for Sara Maude- what should we put in? New swings. A new surround around a new playground? New parking outside of the park part- move the fence back. *Let's all have ideas for what to put on our budget by the June meeting.*

Pickleball: Jim Steele got numbers for doing a pickleball court. Pickleball court was also on the list of items that the town is interested in applying for a grant to build a pickleball court. This could be multi-use with the basketball court.

Central Park: Basketball court needs some maintenance. The fence is broken and one rim is bent.

Geocaching: Should we approve a geocache in our town? Should we require a permit?
Future meetings will be second Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the new education room.

Board Comments:

Public Comments:

Adjourn: 7:52pm

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Approved: Patricia Miller 4/8/21