



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021
6:30 P.M. – Howey Library
MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Attendance: Pat Miller, Staci Broad-Mauro, Rachel Bartolowits (via Zoom)

Approval of Minutes: March minutes were approved and Pat will sign off

Most important business first:

Mural. Having the mural on the market is a possibility but have the council make the decision. Have P&R decide which scene and present it to the council.

So we have decided to go with Oranges similar to the mockup of hearts and maybe a swing out of the tree. We need to spend the mural money by September 1, 2021. Pat will speak to the Market and speak to the artist and get a final decision next month.

#HoweyDoin'

Benches for Central Park: These were installed with concrete slabs underneath.

Pickleball: Mayor told Jim that no pickleball court would be done unless there was a grant for it. Town is hiring a company to look for grants and apply for them.

Griffin Park – Playground: Was mulched and new border put up around the playground. Looking good.

Electronic sign: Looking for a mobile electronic sign like used for construction zones etc. But potentially hoping for a real electronic sign down the road.

Blevins Park: Flower pots at the entrance to Blevins. Never looked good because not watered enough. New plan is to paint the pots red, white, and blue with stars, and put flags in each pot. Also asking town hall for a separate flag for a POW/MIA flag, possibly a "blue line" flag. Possibly passing out poppies.

Founders Day Event: May 1 at the mansion

Signs by police station: We were contacted by Rick, the chief of police, saying that someone contacted him asking if Parks and Rec would repaint the signs on the fence by the police station. Should we do an event for having children help repainting the signs? Could we give out a prize? Can people leave with the signs or just have everyone come to an event behind the library? Could an event be coordinated to do a shaved ice truck or ice cream truck, participants could get a free shaved ice? Pat will talk to Tara and Tahsia from Events Committee and work on coordinating.

List of things we may want to put in our budget for next year (which is due July 1):

1. Adult swing in Griffin Park- another one for there or another park?
2. Picnic table for central or Blevins
3. More candy stop signs
4. Tetherball or four square
5. Large jenga game to be checked out from library
6. Cornhole game
7. New trash cans for some parks that need them
8. Playground for Sara Maude, new play equipment
9. Another flagpole for the POW/MIA and law enforcement flag
10. Expression swing for toddlers for a park

At our next meeting we need to prioritize the list to pick what we want to ask for.

How to thank volunteers who have helped the town: Should we do a lunch in Town Hall? This may not be a Parks and Rec thing but is a good idea.

Board Comments: Included above by topic

Public Comments:

Adjourn: 7:28pm

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Approved: Patricia Miller 5/13/2021