

**Howey-in-the-Hills**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
Town Hall, Monday, May 16, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.**

**Attendance: Pat Miller, Morgan Cates, Staci Broad Mauro, Jim Steele, Vicki Steele**

Morgan Cates suggested the meeting begin with the Board Selection of Chair and Secretary.  
A motion was made and passed for Jim Steele to become the new Chairman.  
A motion was made and passed for Vicki Steele to become the new Secretary.

**Approval of April Minutes: Approved**

**Old Business:**

**Parks Assessment:**

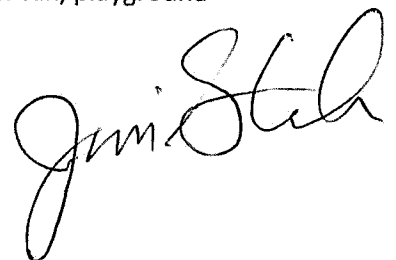
- Cemetery and Well #3 have been reviewed. Cemetery is looking better. Well #3 is fine.
- Town Hall Complex was reviewed. Fountain re-bagged. Morgan researching for parts to complete fountain repair. Suggestion to pressure wash the sidewalk between Town Hall and the Library. A schedule is being created to address cleaning needs in various locations.
- No reviews were given for Griffin Park, Blevins Park, or Sara Maude Mason Park.

**Town Staff Status Update on Projects:**

- Cemetery updates in preparation for Memorial Day. Replaced rocks around flagpole. Mulch is coming. Replaced hose reels in various locations. Benches were removed to be painted, then returned.
- Griffin Park – pressure washed the pavilion, sidewalks, tables. Contracted Hottinger to replace planks on the fishing pier.
- Finger Piers – Assessing for repairs/replacements/adding railing. Looking into composite decking as opposed to wood. Monies in current budget may cover cost of 1-2 piers.
- Continued work on Sara Maude replacing sections with pressure treated lumber. Looking for additional funding through grants as well as asking town council to set aside money.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> -m Lake Clean-up went well. 12-15 volunteers gathered 20 bags of trash. LCFD and Water Authority attended. Hope to repeat twice a year in the spring/fall.
- Founder's Day went well. Good turnout. Raised funds for the firetruck.
- Discussed ways to improve the basketball court.

**Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Approved Items:**

Discussed process for requesting items for Parks & Rec Board members will generate a list of requests at our June meeting. Morgan or Town Staff will be purchasing the following approved items: Additional flagpole for Blevins Park (for our POW MIA flag), new banners, an additional trash can, playground equipment for the back of Sara Maude.



**New Business:****Reassignment of Howey Parks:**

Pat Miller (Cemetery/Well), Staci Broad Mauro (Town Hall Complex), Jim Steele (Blevins Park), Vicki Steele (Griffin Park). No assignment at this time for Sara Maude Park.

**Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:**

Board members will evaluate assigned park for needs/repairs. . Agreed that requests would be made through Morgan and included in the Public Works budget. Morgan will relay our suggestions at the budget meeting.

**Events and Parks Board:**

- Discussed how the Events Committee was previously a sub-committee under the Parks and Rec Advisory Board. Although there is no Events Committee at this time, if one is reestablished, a motion was made and passed that the Event Committee would report directly to Town Hall/Town Council.
- Public Comment by Mary Arnold (303 Terracotta Terrace). At this time the Men's Club has changed its focus from social to community service. The Men's Club is organizing events for the Fourth of July, Oktoberfest, and (possibly) Thanksgiving.

**Advising Town Council – Parks and Rec's Official Protocol**

In response to a request from Town Council, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will discuss the topic and generate suggestions. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board chair will share our suggestions at the Town Council meeting.

**Board Comments:**

- The lettering on the Howey Library's mural of will be redone.
- Discussion was held regarding the purchase of musical instruments for Griffin Park. More information is needed. Kristine Trevitt will be invited to attend our next meeting to share.
- Discussion was held on the repair or removal of the current four-square slab. Discussed adding/painting a four-square and hopscotch area to the basketball court.
- Discussion regarding the land given to the town by Venezia. The town needs to declare the land given. How will the land be used? (Any response to previous suggestion of a Critter Park?) What types of parks are being developed in The Reserve? How is SR 19 being changed to provide access to these additional businesses and subdivisions?
- Discussed possible location for a Howey Historical Museum.

**Public Comments:**

Mary Arnold expressed concern for the playground equipment being too hot. Discussion was held on adding a plastic covering to the swing chains. Morgan will investigate a possible canopy or covering for the swings at Central Park.

**Adjourn: 7:35 p.m.**