



**Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting**

December 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Howey-in the-Hills Town Hall

101 N. Palm Ave.,

Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Joshua Husemann called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 06:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joshua Husemann, Board Chair | Teresa Pileggi, Board Member | Mary Arnold, Board Secretary | Meredith Bright, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Staci Mauro, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Morgan Cates, Public Services Director | Brianna Pino, Public Services Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of the November 14th, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Board Member Bright to approve of the 11/14/2024 Parks and Recreation Meeting; seconded by Board Secretary Arnold. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Voting

Yea: Board Chair Husemann, Board Member Pileggi, Board Member Arnold, Board Member Bright

Nay: None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion: **Parks Assessment**

Board Member Pileggi stated that Griffin Park was in good standing and commended the new bump-out signs.

Board Secretary Arnold advised that Central Park was in good condition.

Board Chair Husemann advised that Blevin Park's walkway was muddy, palm fronds were near the entrance, and an irrigation pipe was exposed.

3. Discussion: Staff Parks Update

Public Services Director Morgan Cates advised that parks were being maintained as usual by the Public Works staff.

Mr. Cates advised the board of the idea of consolidating some Fishing Piers on Lakeshore due to the number needing replacement.

4. Discussion: Sara Maude Mason Boardwalk Project Update

Public Services Director Morgan Cates advised that the handrails and the Observation Tower cover were to be installed on the boardwalk.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion: Christmas Festival

The board had a discussion on final details for the Christmas Festival.

6. Discussion: New Town Planner

Public Services Director Morgan Cates informed the Board about the new Town Planner and noted plans to meet with them to explore park grants.

BOARD COMMENTS

None


PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Board Secretary Arnold to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Pileggi seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at 06:33p.m. | **Attendees: 6**



Board Chair Joshua Husemann

ATTEST:



Brianna Pino, Public Services Administrative Assistant