



## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**February 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

**Howey-in the-Hills Town Hall**

**101 N. Palm Ave.,**

**Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Joshua Husemann called the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order at 06:00 p.m.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

John Brock, Deputy Town Manager / Town Clerk | Brianna Pino, Public Services Administrative Assistant | Town Planner, Sean Parks

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration and Approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

**Motion made by Board Member Mauro to approve of the 01/09/2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting; seconded by Board Member Pileggi. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

#### **Voting**

**Yea:** Board Chair Husemann, Board Secretary Arnold, Board Member Mauro, Board Member Bright, Board Member Pileggi

**Nay:** None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

2. Discussion: **Parks Assessment**

Board Member Mauro advised that the cemetery was in good condition.

Board Secretary Arnold noted that the mulch under Central Park's swing set needed raking.

Board Chair Husemann stated that the lattice fence at Blevin Park had fallen and that the recently planted tree required maintenance. He also observed that the dedication plaque by the tree was missing.

Board Member Pileggi reported that Griffin Park was in good condition but noted that the bump-out signs needed adjustment.

**3. Discussion: Staff Parks Update**

Town Clerk John Brock reported that FMIT conducted its annual inspection of the town's facilities and parks. The inspection identified two action items: loose fencing at the basketball court and a rotten piece of playground equipment at Griffin Park that would need replacement.

**4. Discussion: Parks Consulting Services Grant Opportunities**

Town Planner Sean Parks outlined various grant opportunities for future park and project initiatives. Mr. Parks stated that he would provide a list of the discussed grants to the Public Services Director and board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. Discussion: Annual Sunshine Laws / Code of Core Values Presentation**

Town Clerk John Brock gave the Annual Sunshine Laws / Code of Core Values presentation. All Board members in attendance signed the Town Code of Core Values and Ethics Attestation Statement.

**6. Discussion: Sara Maude Mason Nature Preserve Opening Ceremony**

Public Services Administrative Assistant Brianna Pino reported that the boardwalk construction at Sara Maude Mason Nature Preserve was complete. Mrs. Pino stated that a new fence and gates had been installed at the S. Lakeshore entrance and that the Town was awaiting the final inspection from the Building Official and the Engineer Design letter. The boardwalk reopening was scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2025.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Meeting adjourned at 07:39 p.m. | Attendees: 8

ATTEST

Brianna Pino, Public Services Administrative Assistant

Board Chair Joshua Husemann