



**Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
September 05, 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 06:01 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of the August 8th, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Board Secretary Arnold to approve of the 08/8/2024 Parks and Recreation Meeting; seconded by Board Member Pileggi. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Voting

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

Nay: None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion: **Parks Assessment**

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

Board Member Pileggi noted that Griffin Park appeared well-maintained, although there was some debris present.

Board Secretary Arnold stated that the swing set at Central Park looked great.

Board Chair Husemann pointed out that Blevins Park had fallen palm fronds but was otherwise in good shape.

3. Discussion: Staff Parks Update

Public Works Director Morgan Cates referred to Items 3 and 4 for parks update.

4. Discussion: Sara Maude Mason Nature Preserve Boardwalk Project Update

Public Works Director Morgan Cates confirmed that the Sara Maude Boardwalk Project was ahead of schedule. He noted that there was no update on the loan but expected the project to be completed by the end of October.

Mr. Cates advised that a grand re-opening ceremony for Sara Maude would take place and requested ideas and suggestions from the board for the event.

Mr. Cates informed the board that a new informational sign for Sara Maude was in development.

5. Discussion: Pine Park Update

Public Works Director Morgan Cates reported that the construction of the driveway for Pine Park had been suspended, as the funds were redirected to the Sara Maude boardwalk project.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion: Central Park Swing Set Replacement

Public Works Director Morgan Cates confirmed that the shaded swing set had been installed.

7. Discussion: Board Assistance with Town Events

Board Chair Husemann stated that further discussions regarding the board's involvement in smaller events would take place near the beginning of the new year.

8. Discussion: Items sent via Emails (Events)

A lengthy discussion ensued.

9. Discussion: Possible Board Seat Opening

Public Works Director Morgan Cates reported that, after speaking with the Town Manager and Town Attorney, it was confirmed that Board Secretary Arnold could remain on the board. Board Secretary Arnold also confirmed her decision to stay on the board.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

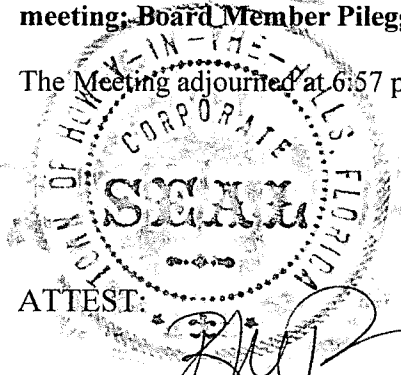
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 6:57 p.m. | Attendees: 7



ATTEST:

Brianna Pino, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Board Chair Joshua Husemann