



**Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
November 14, 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 06:05 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 Works Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of the October 17th, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Board Member Bright to approve of the 10/17/2024 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 Arnold, Board Member Bright

Nay: None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion: **Parks Assessment**

Board Member Pileggi noted that a dock in Griffin Park had two planks missing. Board Member Pileggi also noted that the bat house was down. Board Member Pileggi also observed that the bat house was down and reported that the padding for the exercise equipment at Griffin Park was worn down.

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

Board Chair Husemann stated that Blevins Park was in good condition.

3. Discussion: Staff Parks Update

Public Services Director, Morgan Cates, advised that the staff had planted a tree at Blevins Park, donated by the Men's Club, in honor of Veteran's Day.

4. Discussion: Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) 5-Year Schedule

Public Services Director, Morgan Cates, advised that he had planned to look into grants for parks to secure additional funding for the CIP.

Board Secretary Arnold emphasized that the basketball court should be considered a top priority for renovation, potentially utilizing a grant, followed by Pine Park.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion: Events

It was confirmed that Board Secretary Arnold and Board Member Mauro would judge the houses for the Christmas House Light Decorating Contest.

6. Discussion: Sara Maude Mason Boardwalk Project Update

Public Services Director, Morgan Cates, reported that Sara Maude Mason Boardwalk was 90% completed.

7. Discussion: Adopt A Bump-Out Program

Public Services Director, Morgan Cates, explained the process of Adopt A Bump-Out Program. Board Member Husemann stated that he would adopt a bump-out.

8. Discussion: Blevins: Brick Dedication

Public Services Director, Morgan Cates, explained the process of the Brick Dedication at Blevins Park. Mr. Cates advised that the Town would increase advertising for the Brick Dedication at Blevins Park.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

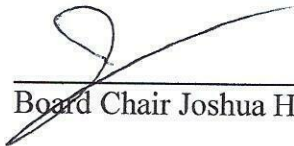
PUBLIC COMMENTS


None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Meeting adjourned at 07:02p.m. | Attendees: 6


Board Chair Joshua Husemann

ATTEST:

Brianna Bino, Public Works Administrative Assistant

