

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY**  
**PARKS & RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 7:00 PM**

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Committee Members in Attendance:

David Greenwell - Acting Chair

Sheila Frazier – Secretary

Heidi Feder

Ed Feller

Lisbeth of Parks & Recreation Dept.

Council person: Patrick Fiore, Council Liaison

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
  
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** -
  - A. Lisbeth said Fanny would not attend this meeting but has prepared a power point presentation for agenda items.
  
  - B. Councilmember Marsha Matson had a resident, Mr. Richard Hernandez of 9242 SW 182 Street, ask why boys ages 8-12 can't play on the softball fields of Palmetto Bay Park when boys ages 5-7 are doing so now. Fanny prepared a reply in her presentation. Council voted on resolution 2016-13 establishing exclusivity for girls' softball use. However, the age group Mr. Hernandez referenced is a group called i9 Sports which had established their co-ed league prior to the resolution. Mr. Hernandez or others can go before a COW or council meeting to ask for a new resolution. Dr. Feller did ask if there is any time available to new usage. This will be provided at the next meeting.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Thursday, November 4, 2021, and Thursday, June 2, 2022, motion to approve by Heidi. Approved unanimously
  
4. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

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## 5. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- A. David was most complimentary of Fanny's efforts with this project. Coaches and leagues have been sent applications and have until October 1, 2022, to submit nominees either by email to Fanny or drop off hard copy at Village Hall. This committee will determine the honorees at our committee meeting on Oct. 6, 2022
- B. The Parks Master Plan consultants provided a presentation on Aug. 25, 2022, looking for input from members of the Tree Advisory Board, the Parks Committee, Community Outreach and interested residents. Ed, Leo, and Sheila attended from this committee. Another workshop is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Palmer Trinity with inducements of Thalatta Estates raffle plus drinks. \$500,000 being budgeted FY '22-'23 for immediate start-up projects
- C. Access to the Birch property is not allowed so nothing is happening
- D. The Village does not have the deed to the property which is to become the Veterans Park. At the presentation on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> the chair involving the Veterans Park who is also on the Tree Advisory Board voiced concern about the pictures of the proposed site show heavy landscaping which is expensive to maintain and not in keeping with interactive memorials of our various war/conflicts envisioned by veterans. Ed voiced concern about adequate parking so as not to infringe into the neighborhood. Funding per Fanny's presentation is \$2 million allocated to FY '22-'23 for development of Phases I. Three phases are proposed
- E. Per our contract with the county the Village must by Oct. of 2023 have in The Woods 6 park benches, a nature trail either around or through the premises, 4 interpretive signs and removal of invasive exotic plants. Budgeting \$200,000 for FY '22-'23
- F. Park Report Cards due by November's meeting per our acting Chair
  - a. Coral Reef Park – Sheila
  - b. Palmetto Bay Park – David
  - c. Thalatta Estate and Ludovici Park – Ed

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- d. Perrine Wayside Dog Park and Community House – Heidi
- e. The Woods – Leo

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Lights in Coral Reef Park for the possible use of lit athletic fields for night use.  
This was discussed and dismissed as it is known the neighbors of the park do not want it
- b. Lisbeth reminded us about the Village’s anniversary celebration 9/10 at 5 p.m.

**7. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO VILLAGE COUNCIL AND VILLAGE MANAGER**

- None

**8. SELECTION AND LIST OF DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Approval of minutes
- 4. Discussion items
  - A. Review and elect Softball Hall of Fame honorees
  - B. Update on Parks Master plan
  - C. Review Palmetto Bay Parks softball fields usage
- 9. Ed moved to adjourn, and it was seconded.