

*****PROPOSED*****
Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Thomas, Toner, Williams, Becker-Fountain, Olsen, Bissonette, Davilla

Absent: Wabanimkee, Krukowski

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment: None.

Motioned by Olsen seconded by Becker-Fountain to approve the minutes for July 1, 2026 & August 13, 2026 minutes. CARRIED (7-0)

Old Business:

A-1) Music in the Park: Bands, prices reviewed that we contacted so far or possible 2027. Allison started a grid. Rain location for next year possibly at the Baptist Church or the Media Center.

New Business:

B-1) Halloween planning:

- Need to send final flyer/letter out (change date and time)
- Allison to make a post on Facebook
- Should get a separate banner with "Park Times & Village Times" due to the confusion from last year.
- Gary and Deb donating hot dogs/buns
- Jackie to check on donut holes to be donated by Biggby
- Jean to check with Jeff Alexander on condiment donations
- Lyons Club to donate and serve hot chocolate
- Rockgate will do prize wheel
- Check with Stephanie on paper product levels
- More lighting needed at the park
- Recommend grouping all games in one area.
- Suggestion to have a "entry/starting" point so people are going in the same direction
- Halloween scavenger hunt by Rockgate

B-2) Christmas Tree Lighting

- Janice to see if Stephanie will coordinate the parade line-up
- Village to decorate the tree
- Jean has a band lined up and fire pits for main street
- Jean to have a meeting with the library to discuss activities to help coordinate the day's activities happening with both parties.
- Residential and business decorating contest
- Possible carriage rides
- Janice to get cost/expenditures from Stephanie for events. (Breakdown of Easter, Halloween, Tree lighting)

Coming up meetings: October 13, 2026 at 4 p.m. & November 10, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Motioned by Olsen seconded by Becker-Fountain CARRIED (___ - __)

Michelle Thomas - Parks & Rec Member