Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm

Present: Thomas, Toner, Becker-Fountain, Williams, Olsen, Wabanimkee, Bissonette, Davila, Krukowski

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

A-1) Will discuss Halloween and the Tree lighting after Village manager's discussion.

New Business:

B-1) Village Manager Mike Falcon in attendance to provide an oversight on what parts and recs. Committee is and what is expected of them. Parks and Recs Committee are responsible for providing a budget by February that can be reviewed by Council at the March Council meeting for approval. Mr. Falcon was asked to provide Parks & Recs with guidelines with examples etc. as to what grants might be available to Parks & Rec. Mr. Falcon will ask council at the October Council meeting to give him updates as to their expectations regarding what they would like to see from the Parks & Recs Committee.

B-2) Halloween discussion: Check list update reviewed as to what we have and what is still needed. The Halloween Scavenger hunt by Century 21 Rockgate was pushed to a Holiday Tree lighting one. Donations were reviewed and only 3 businesses have phoned the Village office saying they were attending the trunk and treat. Biggby Coffee is donating 250 doughnut holes. Maybe Leppink's would donate rest or Parks & Rec. to purchase remainder. Lots of business show up that do not call with prior notification. Lighting continues to be an issue. It was decided to not have a start here area as people will ignore that anyways.

B-3) Tree Lighting Discussion: Brief discussion on how it went with meeting with Cheryl from the library. The library festivities are from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. with the Santa during that time. Wagon Rides are from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Festival of Trees goes all week through the tree lighting event. Anyone can enter, $15.00/ tree to decorate they provide the tree. 2 prizes, 1 for people's choice and 1 for judge's choice. Library's list of events was shared so that the businesses on main street can coordinate their events. Parks & Rec events include Tree lighting, sledding hill – providing there is snow, Stuff the Sleigh (toy campaign), Parade and Decorating contest. Michelle and Jean shared decorating contest suggestions of "Hometown Christmas" theme. More discussion to be at the November Parks & Recs meeting.

Adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. Motion by Becker-Fountain, second by Bissonette
Motion CARRIED (9-0)

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Michelle Thomas Parks & Rec Member