

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm

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

Absent: Wabanimkee, Bissonette, Davila, Krukowski

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment: None.

**Old Business:**

A-1) Music in the Park 2026 reviewed. People loved the set-up, the music line up. Question brought up as to where the funds for music in the park come from other than the sponsors.

**New Business:**

A-1) Music in the Park – 2027 discussion. Possibility of having different sponsorship levels to raise more funds. Such as sponsoring a particular Tuesday night. Suggestion of Welcome email to the bands prior to their night. Possible rain location with the Baptist church. Brochures and advertisements to begin earlier next year. Also have food vendors let us know if they can take cash and card both so it can be posted. Possibly rope off a section for dancers and Shade for the band from the sun. 2026 Bands reviewed. Discussion on contacting some of the bands from this year regarding performing in 2027 and if they would be open to it and cost. Decided not to reach out to Hark up due to cost and comments.

B-1) Tree Lighting: Work on coordinating with the library. 1 Santa, build a list of activities to be done (Alison/Deb), set up a meeting with Cheryle to coordinate. Send out save the Dates on Nov. 1st for the parade. Discussion on having a voting panel this year vs. only online voting. More discussion to come on this.

C-1) Halloween letters need to go out to businesses. Janice to get with Stephanie to get that out and to ask for Candy donations.

Adjourn the meeting at 5:18 pm. Motion by Ollsen, second by Becker-Fountain  
Motion CARRIED (5-0)

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Michelle Thomas Parks & Rec Member