

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN OF LADY LAKE  
PARKS, RECREATION AND TREE BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

**February 10, 2016  
5:30 p.m.**

The Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee special meeting was held in the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chryle Lowery, Chairperson

*Chairperson/Member Lowery called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**A. ROLL CALL:** Rick Jones, Member  
Linda Denby, Member  
Chryle Lowery, Chairperson/Member  
Doris Turlo, Vice Chairperson/Member

**ABSENT:** Betty Cantelmo, Member

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Burske, Parks and Recreation Director; and Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

**B. OPEN FORUM:**

Chairperson Lowery asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were no comments.

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 10, 2015 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Meeting**

*Upon a motion by Member Turlo and a second by Member Jones, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee meeting as presented by a vote of 4-0.*

**2. Consideration of Approval to Send a Recommendation to the Commission to Rename the Minor Baseball Field “Chase Field” (Mike Burske)**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske gave the background summary from the agenda item cover sheet (on file in the Town Clerk’s office). He stated that as shown in the letter included in the packet, the Little League wants to name one of the fields after one of their former players who grew up with the league and passed at the age of 19. The Little League is requesting this and has begun scholarship programs and fundraisers in his name.

Mr. Burske stated that as the field currently has a generic name, he is asking for approval of this motion. He stated that the Little League will pay for the new sign naming the field and the field will be dedicated on opening day, if approved.

Chairperson Lowery suggested that since the field has always been known as the Minor field, it be renamed *Chase Minor Field* instead of *Chase Field*.

Mr. Burske stated that these fields are not necessarily always referred to as the Major and Minor fields. He asked Ms. Denby how the Little League refers to the fields.

Member Denby stated the fields are called by different names such as major field or top field and bottom field, the American Legion field; she agreed that the Little League does not necessarily refer to these fields as major or minor.

***Upon a motion by Member Turlo and a second by Member Denby, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended that the Commission approve Renaming the Minor Baseball Field "Chase Field" by a vote of 4-0.***

**3. Consideration to Send a Recommendation to the Commission to Partner with the Lady Lake Garden Club and Invest \$600.00 of Donated Tree and Beautification Funds to Landscape the Community Building (Mike Burske)**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske gave the background summary from the agenda item cover sheet (on file in the Town Clerk's office). He stated that as shown in the proposal from the Lady Lake Garden Club, they are asking to landscape the Community Building on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Shelly Leon, who landscaped the museum a few years ago, has given staff a copy of their proposed design and breakdown on price. Mr. Burske stated that the plants will cost an estimated \$247.95, and Town staff will update the irrigation and is asking for \$350.00 to complete this task, and invest \$500.00 for sod in the area; for a total of \$1,097.95 from Donated Tree and Beautification Funds which currently has a balance of \$17,836.03.

Member Turlo commented that there is plenty of funds to cover this. She asked who will take care of the landscaping once it is completed.

Mr. Burske stated that Parks and Recreation staff will take care of it.

Member Turlo asked if there will be a ceremony of any kind involving the children in the area once it is completed. She suggested that if the children in the area are involved, they would be more likely to have more respect for the property, and would take care of it.

Mr. Burske replied that the landscaping will be going in the day before the Easter Egg Hunt, if approved, and the kids will be in school. He stated that it is in the planning stages to have home-schooled children involved in the upcoming Arbor Day celebration in the planting of the tree.

Member Jones suggested involving the Boys and Girls Club. He stated that it appears from the pictures that the Community Building is woefully in need of some landscaping.

Chairperson Lowery suggested waiting until after the Easter Egg Hunt so that the new landscaping is not damaged.

Mr. Burske replied that the Easter Egg Hunt does not usually involve the Community Building.

*Upon a motion by Member Jones and a second by Member Turlo, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended that the Commission approve partnering with the Lady Lake Garden Club and invest \$1,097.95 of donated Tree and Beautification Funds to landscape the Community Building by a vote of 4-0.*

**D. CHAIRPERSON/MEMBERS' REPORT:**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske reported that the concession stand bids were received and they were grossly over the \$350,000.00 projected, with the lowest at around \$463,000. He stated that these bids were rejected and this will come back before the committee next month so it can go out for re-bidding.

Mr. Burske commented that the Chamber of Commerce's Art in the Park event this month used a new event planner and it went very well. He stated they used a good amount of their budget for marketing and it was really noticeable.

Mr. Burske stated the Easter Egg Hunt is coming up and he has contacted the Little League and Clown Alley, as well as others, for their support at the event.

Chairperson Lowery commented that this year's Art in the Park was extremely successful and that she enjoyed it. She stated it appears the Farmers' Market at the Chamber is getting bigger as well.

After further comments regarding these events, Mr. Burske stated that the area around the Log Cabin may need re-sodding soon as there has been so much traffic on it due to these events.

Member Jones commented that he may want to check out the new hybrid sod that The Villages is using.

Mr. Burske stated that it is Zoysia and that it is durable.

Chairperson Lowery thanked Mr. Burske and staff for their hard work.

**E. ADJOURN:**

*With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.*

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Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

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Chryle Lowery, Chairperson

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk