

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

**February 8, 2017  
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  
Betty Cantelmo, Member  
Linda Denby, Member  
Chryle Lowery, Chairperson/Member  
Doris Turlo, Vice Chairperson/Member

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Burske, Parks and Recreation Director; Carol Osborne, Staff Assistant to Town Clerk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Paul Hannan, Liaison

**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: June 8, 2016 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 June 8, 2016 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee meeting as presented by a vote of 5-0.*

**2. Consideration to Recommend that the Commission Grant Permission to the Villagers for Veterans, Inc. to Host Activities for Veterans at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex Soccer Fields on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. (Mike Burske)**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Town Clerk's office). He stated that the Villagers for Veterans has requested to utilize an area of the Rolling Acres Sports Complex soccer fields for this event. He stated this event gives veterans the opportunity to visit with one another for moral and therapeutic support, and will include comradery-promoting group activities for able-bodied veterans and veterans with disabilities due to combat.

Mr. Burske stated per the event coordinator, Marie Bogdonoff, the event has been modified as of late and will not include the rock climbing wall, and will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> only. Referring

to the Spartan Weekend flyer included in the packet, he pointed out the picture of the sword that is made from forged World Trade Center steel. He stated Ms. Bogdonoff explained that the veterans form a circle around the sword; one veteran touches the sword and the veteran next to him, and they make a pact not to commit suicide. Ms. Bogdonoff stated this one act has reduced the veteran suicide rate throughout the country.

Mr. Burske encouraged the Board to visit these websites to learn more about the organizations: [www.villagersforveterans.org](http://www.villagersforveterans.org) and [www.combatveteranstocareers.org](http://www.combatveteranstocareers.org).

*Upon a motion by Member Cantelmo and a second by Member Denby, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommends the Commission grant permission to the Villages for Veterans, Inc. to host Activities for Veterans at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex Soccer Fields on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, by a vote of 5-0.*

**3. Consideration to Host the Lady Lake Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2017 at the Junior Baseball Field at the Guava Street Athletic Complex and Accept a Donation from the Kiwanis Club for the Cost of the Easter Eggs. (Mike Burske)**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Town Clerk's office). He stated the Town of Lady Lake has hosted an annual Easter Egg Hunt for several years and has been fortunate to partner with the Kiwanis Club who supplies the eggs and the volunteers for this event. He stated, as with the Town's Halloween event, the local businesses and civic organizations supply a variety of games for the children, and The Villages Classic Car Club brings out their cars for the parents and children to admire. He emphasized there are multiple egg hunts to ensure all children have the opportunity to collect eggs.

Member Cantelmo stated she enjoys the Easter Egg Hunt. Chairperson/member Lowery stated Mr. Burske and his staff provide numerous great activities.

*Upon a motion by Member Cantelmo and a second by Member Denby, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended that the Commission approve the Lady Lake Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the Junior Baseball Field at the Guava Street Athletic Complex and to Accept a Donation from the Kiwanis Club for the Cost of the Easter Eggs, by a vote of 5-0.*

**4. Project Review (Mike Burske) -**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske reported on the following ongoing projects:

**Concession Stand** – Mr. Burske stated this project had a slow start, although it has progressed quickly within the past month. However, the completion date of February 24<sup>th</sup> will not be met and the tentative completion date is now April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Member Cantelmo asked if penalty clauses are included in the contract.

Mr. Burske stated there is a clause in the contract, although they do not intend to act on it at this time as their crew is on site every day now, and substantial progress is being made.

Member Cantelmo asked if the lack of an adequate crew was the cause of the slow start.

Mr. Burske stated he suspects the contractor was behind on another project and made that project his priority. He stated they are currently behind schedule with our project, even though they are making significant progress.

Member Denby asked when the Lady Lake Little League representatives will be able to get the equipment moved into the building if the project meets the anticipated completion date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Burske stated he believes the Little League concession stand will be able to begin operating in the late summer, in time for registration for the fall season. He stated the Little League concessions would have lost only one season of concession revenue had the project been completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Member Cantelmo stated the penalty clause should include loss of anticipated revenue.

Chairperson/member Lowery stated it is better to focus on the fact that the Town is getting a new concession stand that has been needed for a long time.

**Sidewalk Project** – Mr. Burske stated this project was funded through a Safe Routes to School grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and is ahead of the project's April 4<sup>th</sup> deadline; it should be complete by mid-March. This project will connect the sidewalks at Clay Avenue and Fennell Boulevard.

**Driving Range Parking Lot Project** – Mr. Burske reported this is a joint project between the Town and the Driving Range. The total cost of the project is \$144,062.00; the Town will pay 60%, totaling \$86,437.20, and the Driving Range will pay 40% totaling \$57,624.80. The Town funds will be paid from *Improvements Other Than Building*, and Mr. Burske will oversee this project.

Mr. Burske reported the path between the Driving Range and the Woodworking Shop will also be paved at a cost of \$11,755.00. This will be paid jointly between the Town and the Woodworking Shop.

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

Chairperson/Member Lowery complimented Mr. Burske and his staff on the great work they do for the Town of Lady Lake. She particularly pointed out the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations.

Member Jones asked for the time of the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Burske stated it is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 8, 2017, and encouraged the Board to attend.

Chairperson/Member Lowery stated her term expires this month, along with two other members. Mr. Burske stated a current committee list with term expiration dates will be emailed to the Board members.

**E. ADJOURN:** *With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.*

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Carol Osborne, Staff Assistant to Town Clerk

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Chryle Lowery, Chairperson