

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

**May 10, 2017  
5:30 p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Denby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**B. OPEN FORUM:** Chairperson/Member Linda Denby asked is anyone had any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval of the Minutes – April 12, 2017 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Meeting**

*Upon a motion by Member Cantelmo and a second by Member Turlo, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee meeting as presented by a vote of 5-0.*

**2. Consideration of Approval to Send a Recommendation to the Commission to Invest Up to \$7,500.00 for Sod at the Driving Range and Heritage Park Utilizing Donated Tree and Beautification Funds (Mike Burske)**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske presented the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Town Clerk's office). He stated at the time this packet was submitted the Parks and Recreation Department was asking to invest up to \$7,500.00 dollars for sod at the Driving Range and at Heritage Park. He stated he has reevaluated the materials needed since that time; the 10,000 sq. ft. of St. Augustine sod for Heritage Park will cost approximately \$4,300.00. He stated this will reduce the actual cost to approximately \$6,750.00 and increase the contingency to \$500.00. As shown on the e-mails and quotes included with the packet, the 8,000 sq. ft. of Bahia sod for the Driving Range will cost approximately \$1,920.00. The prices are from Cottom's A-1 Sod, and include installation. Mr. Burske stated he called various companies for price comparisons, which were very similar to the quote from Cottom's.

Mr. Burske noted the Driving Range parking lot paving project is nearly complete. Also, he stated the St. Augustine grass at Heritage Park has suffered from lack of sunlight over the years and new grass is needed.

Member Turlo asked where the sod will be placed at the Driving Range.

Mr. Burske stated it will be placed along both sides of the roadway, the ball shack, and various other areas where needed.

Member Turlo asked how often this has been done, and if there are alternatives to purchasing sod.

Mr. Burske replied this is the first time lawn replacement has been done since the park was constructed 15 years ago. He stated purchasing sod is the best approach as it has an immediate result.

Member Turlo stated the hedges have been removed along the fence and road toward Rolling Acres Road and she asked if sod will be placed in that area.

Mr. Burske replied that sod will not be placed in that area; the Bahia grass will begin to grow in that area and seed will also be planted in that area. He stated the sod is mainly for the high erosion areas and the areas with the most traffic.

Member Turlo expressed her concerns regarding vehicles driving onto the new sod while parking.

Mr. Burske stated parking stops will be placed on the parking spaces once the sod is installed.

Member Turlo requested the parking stops be painted a different color than the pavement as people have tripped over the parking stops in the past.

Chairperson/Member Denby asked if the newly planted St. Augustine sod will thrive due to the amount of shade in Heritage Park.

Mr. Burske replied staff has been trimming the trees in the park to enable more sunlight to shine through, and they will continue to do so.

***Upon a motion by Member Jones and a second by Member Cantelmo, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended the Town Commission grant approval to invest up to \$6,750.00 for sod at the Driving Range and Heritage Park utilizing donated Tree and Beautification Funds, by a vote of 5-0.***

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

Chairperson/Member Denby asked if the Board had any questions or comments.

Mr. Burske updated the Board on the progress of the concession stand. He stated he delivered all of the Town's documents regarding the concession stand project to the bond company and they will communicate with our engineering firm (Neel-Schaffer) as to what is needed to proceed. There will be a meeting in the future with all parties to discuss moving forward with the project.

Member Jones stated "No Smoking" signs need to be more visible at the Driving Range. He stated when he works there he has to tell people to extinguish their cigars. Also, people have complained to him regarding smokers on the driving range property.

Mr. Burske stated he will discuss this with Ralph Corso, the manager at the Driving Range.

Chairperson/Member Denby asked if there were any further comments.

Mr. Corso confirmed with Mr. Burske that the parking stops will have a different look/color from the pavement. He noted if the stops are painted they will need continual maintenance. Also, handicap stickers or signs will be placed at the entrance (to the tees), as there is handicap access to the range.

Mr. Burske stated there are currently four or five handicap parking spaces.

Mr. Corso stated the path (to the ball shack) is designated as a handicap access.

Mr. Burske stated he will discuss the aspects of the parking stops with the engineers; painting them is an option.

Mr. Corso stated if Mr. Burske chooses to paint the parking stops, the crew from the maintenance department at the driving range will help to get the job done quickly.

Member Jones commented that the progress at the Driving Range is wonderful.

**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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Linda Denby, Chairperson

Minutes transcribed by Carol Osborne, Staff Assistant to the Town Clerk