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

**January 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

The Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee 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: Betty Cantelmo, Vice Chairperson/Member
Linda Denby, Chairperson/Member
Rick Jones, Member
Doris Turlo, Member

ABSENT: Chryle Lowery, 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 if anyone had any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Minutes – December 13, 2017 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Meeting

Upon a motion by Member Turlo and a second by Member Cantelmo, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting as presented by a vote of 4-0.

2. Consideration of Approval to Send a Recommendation to the Commission to Begin Advertising for the Tree Raffle Drawing to be Held on April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Commission Chambers (Mike Burske)

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske presented the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's office). He stated that he is asking that the Town host another tree raffle. Mr. Burske stated that 25 winners will be picked prior to the Commission meeting on April 2nd. He stated that this will give the winners time to collect their trees and plant them in celebration of National Arbor Day on April 27th. Each winner of a \$200.00 voucher can then pick any plant/tree they desire at Burke's Tree Farm in Fruitland Park. This farm has historically had the best prices and quality over the years, and staff had a positive experience working with them last year. Mr. Burske stated he will begin advertising soon after this is approved by the Town Commission.

1 Chairperson/Member Denby asked if there were any questions or comments and, hearing none,
2 asked for a motion.
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4 *Upon a motion by Member Turlo and a second by Member Jones, the Parks, Recreation and Tree*
5 *Advisory Committee recommended the Town Commission grant approval to begin advertising for*
6 *the Tree Raffle Drawing to be held on April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Commission*
7 *Chambers by a vote of 4-0.*
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9 **3. Consideration of Approval to Send a Recommendation to the Commission to Have**
10 **Staff Remove the Old Plants in the Log Cabin Islands and to Invest \$2,900.00 in Donated Tree**
11 **Funds to Mulch the Islands Following Removal (Mike Burske)**
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13 Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske presented the background summary for this agenda
14 item (on file in the Clerk's office). He stated that he is asking that the shrubs and non-tree plant life
15 in the Log Cabin islands be removed. The islands were landscaped 12 years ago and the plant life
16 has matured. Mr. Burske stated he is requesting to leave the trees in place and mulch the islands,
17 and expects to come back to this committee at a later date regarding planting additional trees on the
18 islands. The purchase of 160 yards of red mulch will cost \$2,900.00.
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20 Chairperson/Member Denby asked if the shrubs will eventually be replaced with trees and no other
21 plants.
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23 Mr. Burske replied affirmatively. He stated people are currently walking through the islands on the
24 south side of the park going to and from the thrift store. He stated that Wawa will begin
25 construction soon, and if only trees and mulch are in the islands, it will not hurt the plants when
26 people walk on the islands.
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28 Member Turlo asked if Wawa will be located near the islands and noted there is currently a business
29 in that area.
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31 Mr. Burske stated a portion of the Wawa property is behind Take 5 Oil Change. He stated he
32 anticipates people will walk through the islands going to and from Wawa.
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34 Member Cantelmo stated shrubs become unsightly as they mature.
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36 Chairperson/Member Denby asked if there were any further questions or comments.
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38 *Upon a motion by Member Jones and a second by Member Cantelmo, the Parks, Recreation and*
39 *Tree Advisory Committee recommended the Town Commission grant approval to have staff*
40 *remove the old plants in the Log Cabin Islands and to invest \$2,900.00 in donated tree funds to*
41 *mulch the islands following removal by a vote of 4-0.*
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43 **D. CHAIRPERSON/MEMBERS' REPORT:** No report.
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45 **E. ADJOURN:** *With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.*
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Carol Osborne, Staff Assistant to Town Clerk

Linda Denby, Chairperson

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