

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

**October 14, 2015
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: Doris Turlo, Vice Chairperson

Vice Chair/Member Turlo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Chairperson Lowery's request as she was losing her voice.

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; C.T. Eagle, Public Works Director; Beverly Lemay, Staff Assistant to Town Clerk; and Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

B. OPEN FORUM:

Vice Chairperson Turlo skipped this item since there were no members of the audience.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 9, 2015 Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Meeting

Upon a motion by Member Cantelmo and a second by Member Jones, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting as presented by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consideration to Utilize Tree and Beautification Funds for the Purchase of Trees at the Town's Public Works Complex (C.T. Eagle)

The background summary for this agenda item is on file in the Clerk's Office. It stated that in an effort to screen some of the larger structures in the Public Works Complex from the surrounding neighboring properties, staff recommends the installation of six sycamore trees and the necessary irrigation system to support the new trees.

C.T. Eagle introduced himself as the Public Works Director.

Member Cantelmo asked for clarification on how many trees would be purchased and how much it would cost.

Mr. Eagle replied that this information was included in the packet, and that the trees will cost approximately \$75 each, and staff would like to purchase six trees. He stated the irrigation for the trees will cost approximately \$200, for a total of approximately \$650.

Member Denby asked how big the trees will be at purchase.

Mr. Eagle replied that they will start out as saplings, but that they grow fast and have a high canopy which will be easy to mow under.

Vice Chair/Member Turlo clarified the area where the trees would be planted at the Public Works Complex.

Mr. Eagle stated the trees will be used to screen the view of the back of the re-use water tank from a few houses on Skyline Drive.

Member Cantelmo asked why Sycamore trees were chosen. She stated they require a lot of water.

Mr. Eagle replied that he and the Maintenance Supervisor discussed what would be best for screening purposes, and Sycamores were chosen as they have a high canopy and grow up off the ground, allowing mowers and weed-eaters underneath. He stated Sycamores are not heavy-leaved. Mr. Eagle stated that irrigation to the trees will be installed and will mainly be used for the grow-in period and during the dry season.

Vice Chair/Member Turlo asked if there was enough in the tree fund for this project.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske replied that there is currently a balance of \$16,050 in the tree fund.

Upon a motion by Member Cantelmo and a second by Chairperson Lowery, the Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee recommended approval to utilize the Tree and Beautification funds for the purchase and installation of trees at the Town's Public Works complex by a vote of 5-0.

D. CHAIRPERSON/MEMBERS' REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske reported the Guava Street Concession Stand has gone out to bid and there have been quite a few contractors call about the plans thus far. He also reported that the Not Too Scary Halloween Party is coming up on Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Guava Street complex.

Member Jones asked about the timeline on the concession stand bids.

Mr. Burske replied that he hopes to have the concession stand bids for construction completed by Christmas, and the actual completion of construction of the stand by April.

Chairperson Lowery commented that she is looking forward to the completion of the stand and hopes to have new golf carts donated. She asked if there would be a ground-breaking ceremony.

Member Denby suggested that the ground-breaking ceremony include the start of demolition of the old stand using baseball bats for ceremonial purposes.

Member Jones also suggested using a ribbon and a gigantic pair of scission during a ground-breaking ceremony instead of using shovels.

Mr. Burske asked Member Denby if she would like to work with him on a ground-breaking ceremony. He also stated the ground-breaking ceremony could be used as a fund-raising drive. He stated the Rotary has expressed some interest in the project and may be counted on for a donation to some extent.

E. ADJOURN:

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Beverly Lemay, Staff Assistant Town Clerk

Chryle Lowery, Chairperson

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk