

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2023

Attendees:

Members (5/7)

Torben Madson, presiding
Faye Gibson (Alternate), secretary
Donna Ingle
Diane Brewer

Call to order

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:31 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Apalachicola City Library

I. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Faye Gibson had circulated the minutes from January 19, 2023 electronically prior to the meeting. Donna Ingle moved that the minutes be approved. Diane Brewer seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

II. Standing committee reports

A. City Commission report

There was no report from the city commission meeting.

B. Park Plan update

Completed park plans are now in the Dropbox for Lafayette Park, Riverfront Park, Marks Park, and Veteran's Memorial Plaza. The Dog Park Plan is not yet completed although volunteers have made notes detailing conditions and a wish list.

III. Business matters:

A. Update on Lafayette Park: Members of the Tree Committee met with Donna Ingle and Faye Gibson for a walk-through of the park compiling and prioritizing a list of improvements requested. The Historic Apalachicola Foundation has agreed to underwrite costs for completing the painting of the pavilion, replacing railroad ties around the perimeter with granite coping, adding a permeable substrate to the existing parking areas and restoring the brick walkways (maintenance not replacement). The members of the committee agreed to the removal of crepe myrtles currently planted within the walkways following agreement by Marie Marshall of the Historic Apalachicola Foundation.

B. Update on pickleball courts An estimate of \$143,750 was obtained by Travis Wade from Premier Surface Solutions for constructing three new asphalt pickleball courts, a total pad size of 64 feet x 96 feet. from
This price was compared to \$1,100 for restriping the courts at Holy Family Center.
Diane Brewer moved to approve the restriping of the courts at Holy Family, Donna

Ingle seconded and the motion passed 3/1. It was agreed that the committee will send a letter to Travis informing him of the committee's recommendation as well as mentioning the committee's recommendation that any tennis camps be held at the regulation tennis courts on Avenue C and that the city should have a system for reserving the courts for special events such as the tennis camp and posting notification of the closing of the courts to the public in advance of the camp..

C. City code of ethics The city code of ethics was made available to committee members.

IV. Adjournment

Torben Madson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary