

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20, 2023

Attendees:

Members (4/7)

Torben Madson, presiding
Diane Brewer
Faye Gibson, secretary
Donna Ingle
Mark Milliken
Elinor Mount-Simmons

Guests:

I. Call to order

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the Apalachicola City Library

II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting were distributed. Mark Milliken moved the minutes be accepted. Donna Ingle seconded, the motion was carried unanimously.

III. Standing committee reports

A. City Commission report.

There was nothing significant to the parks from the July City Commission meeting.

IV. Business matters:

A. Update on Lafayette Park

The railroad ties have been moved to the west side of the park. The survey has been ordered by the city to establish the extent of the intrusion of landscaping on the western side of the park. It was noted that the irrigation system needs to be checked prior to future plantings being made.

B. Committee name

There has been some confusion about the recognition of this committee's name by the city, so it was decided to bring the question before the city commission at the next meeting. There was discussion to confirm what name the committee felt best represented our mission: the Parks Committee or the Parks and Recreation Committee. Faye Gibson moved to request the city recognize the committee as the Parks and Recreation Committee; Elinor Mount Simmons seconded and the motion carried on a vote of five to one.

C. Things to be done at Riverfront Park

The committee brainstormed ways to increase the usage of Riverfront Park. Suggestions included installing a parcourse, expanding the walking path, planting

live oaks for create shade to invite lingering, using “sails” to create shade, and installing a photo opportunity sculpture using large letters.

D. Tree committee

The tree committee requests that the majority of August’s meeting be dedicated to the presentation of the landscape plan for Lafayette Park.

V. Announcements

Next month’s meeting will be held at Holy Family or Battery Park. Please check for updates prior to the meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Torben Madson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary