

Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 21, 2023

**Attendees:**

**Members (6/6)**

Torben Madson, presiding  
Faye Gibson, secretary  
Donna Ingle  
Mark Milliken

**Guests:**

Despina George, City Commissioner

**I. Call to order**

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:32 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the Apalachicola City Library.

**II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting were distributed. Donna Ingle moved the minutes be accepted. Torben seconded, the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. City Commission report:**

Donna Ingle reported that she requested at the September City commission meeting that the Finance Director set up a line of income specific for the city parks so that income generated by each park can be tracked. The commission requested that the action be taken.

**IV. Business Matters**

**A. Slate of officers was proposed:** A motion to accept the slate was moved by Donna Ingle, seconded by Faye Gibson and approved unanimously. The slate will be voted on in October.

1. Torben Madson, Chair
2. Mark Milliken Vice Chair
3. Faye Gibson, Secretary.

**B. Update on Lafayette Park**

Granite curbing is nearly completed. The city is scheduled to begin removing shrubbery on the west end encroachment the week of September 25. Planning and Zoning approved the wall that the owners of the adjacent property requested as long as the construction of it does not impinge on the roots of the existing live oak trees.

There was concern expressed that the scheduling of the PorchFest Celebration will negatively impact the only recently placed granite coping with traffic from golf carts and that the uneven terrain will create a safety and liability concern for the city. The committee requested a letter expressing the committee's opposition to Lafayette Park as the site this year be sent to the city manager.

**C. Potential Grants**

Duke Energy has a \$20,000 grant that could be used to complete the brickwork for Lafayette Park. The grant could be used for picnic tables, grills. Additional grants could be used to improve the dog park with maintenance and making it ADA compliant.

**D. Consideration of a non-profit**

Faye Gibson announced that she intends to establish a nonprofit for the City of Apalachicola Parks to streamline the process for citizens wishing to give to the city parks.

**V. Announcements**

Next month's meeting will be held at the Apalachicola City Library. Please check for updates prior to the meeting.

**VI. Adjournment**

Torben Madson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Faye Gibson, secretary