Apalachicola Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Attendees:

Members (6/7)
Torben Madson, presiding
Faye Gibson
Donna Ingle
Mark Milliken
Elinor Mount-Simmons
Lynn Wilder

Guests
Despina George, City Commission
Leslie Glaze, City Grants Coordinator
Emily Glaze

I. Call to order

Torben Madson called to order the regular meeting of the Apalachicola Parks and Recreation committee at 5:34 PM on Thursday, October 17, 2025, at the Apalachicola City meeting annex building on 6th Street.

II. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes from the September 17, 2025 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Mark Milliken, seconded by Elinor Mount-Simmons, and passed unanimously.

III. Business Matters

A. Introductions were made and guests were welcome to the meeting. Chip Sanders was not present to discuss the skateboard park but Faye Gibson showed photos of the improvements that Chip has made with contributions and assistance from Ace Hardware and other citizens.

B. Leslie Glaze offered to look into the mowing schedule for the parks. Lynn Wilder proposed adopting more "no-mow" areas and there was discussion about the success of other areas that had been designated "no-mow". Despina George suggested we give a presentation to incoming city manager Chuck Anderson.

C. Counter to the vote of the city commission and of the majority opinion in the public input session on, interim city manager Chris Holley spent $2,000 to upgrade the fountain at Riverfront Park. The committee requested an inquiry be made by the new city manager about returning the floating dock to Riverfront Park.

D. General discussion of our parks followed including removing parking from Victory Plaza/Marks Park. Franklin County Humane Society is holding "Spooky Pooches" on 15 November 2025. Mark Milliken suggested we begin getting publicity photos to use in promoting the use of our city park. Faye Gibson suggested holding a grand reopening for Lafayette Park and honoring the contributions made by the Historic Apalachicola Foundation in its restoration.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM