

**PARKS, RECREATION AND TREE BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**TOWN OF LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

**November 13, 2024**

The Parks, Recreation and Tree Board Advisory Committee meeting was held in the Town Hall Commission Chambers at 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Member Betty Cantelmo, Member Fred Weber, Member Doris Turlo, Member Cheryl Lowery Chairman Richard (Doc) Jones were present.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Burske, Parks & Recreation Director; Nancy Wilson, Town Clerk.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

July 10, 2024, Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee minutes.

**Member Cantelmo moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, Parks, Recreation and Tree Advisory Committee meeting; Chairman Jones seconded. The motion passed by an all-in-favor vote of 5 to 0.**

**2. Consideration of New L.E.D. Lights**

Parks and Recreation Director Burske said that when he first proposed installing lights at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex 19 years ago it was a hot topic, but his request was denied. It was not a popular idea at the time, but times have changed.

The Parks and Recreation Department has budgeted \$650k for new light poles and the Commission has approved the project in this year's budget. The funding source is Parks and Recreation Impact Fees. In 2003, the Rolling Acres Sports Complex was constructed and included three soccer fields, a concession stand and the moving of the Driving Range to the north side of the property. At that time, the 14 houses to the back of the complex and other neighbors fought against the park and the lights. Only one soccer field was lighted with the old-style lights and two fields were left in the dark for the kids to play on.

Twenty-one years later, most of the neighbors have moved on and we have planted three rows of trees to assist in eliminating noise pollution. We will be using a new generation of lighting that will eliminate the light spillage at the back of the property. There will be about 100 lumens of light spillage at the closest property which is about 900 feet away from the property line of the corner house. We will have zero lumens of spillage about 100 feet from the bottom field. This will eliminate any spillage to the back houses and the campers at Recreation Plantation. Also, the neighbors who currently live adjacent to the park know that they moved in next to a park where back in the day, there was a park with lights, but no soccer fields or concession stand.

The Lady Lake Soccer Association has 350 players and with the apartments and new houses coming, that number will greatly increase. There is no way that we can safely run a league of that size with one lighted field.

Parks and Recreation Director Burske said that the soccer teams have been requesting these lights for many years. The Town Commission is scheduled to review the request at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Member Lowery stated that LED lights are more efficient and that the town will have three lighted soccer fields when this is all done with very little light spillage.

**Vice Chairwoman Lowery made a motion to forward this item to the Commission with the recommendation of approval; Member Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed by an all-in favor vote of 5 to 0.**

### **3. Centennial Celebration**

Parks and Recreation Director Burske said that in 11 months the town will be celebrating its 100-year birthday. He would like the board members to start thinking of ideas for the festivities. It will be a week-long celebration with the biggest days being Saturday and Sunday. So far, they have decided on placing banners around town, hiring food vendors, setting off fireworks and flying drones. There will not be a parade because there will be one three weeks later for Christmas. Chairman Jones said they should check what other towns have done to which Mr. Burske responded that he has done so and has gotten some good ideas. After some discussion, it was decided that the Board would hold a workshop in January to come up with more ideas.


### **CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS' REPORT**


No Report.

### **C. ADJOURN**

**Vice Chairwomen Lowery made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Member Turlo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Nancy Wilson, Town Clerk

  
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Dr. Richard Jones, Chairperson