

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting  
July 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Chairman, Kelly Cook.

In attendance: Kelly Cook, Charlotte Maffia, Peggy Ernest, Joyce Herrington

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joyce Herrington presented a request from several Howey residents to plant a tree in memory of Dianne Carpenter. Charlotte Maffia made a motion, seconded by Peggy Ernest, that this request be honored. Motion carried unanimously.  
Sites in Central Park were considered and a decision was made to locate the tree between the picnic shelter and the foursquare court. Peggy will ask Public Services if they can pick up the tree when it is purchased and install it, and also if mulch needs to be provided by the citizens who are purchasing the tree. A discussion was held as to whether a plaque would be allowed. This needs to be researched and the results relayed to Joyce Herrington.
2. Ms. Herrington reported that Woody and Leah Blevins selected a plot in Taylor Memorial Cemetery, as previously discussed.
3. Peggy Ernest submitted a final report from Florida Rails and Trails on the completion of the Sara Maude Mason Preserve project.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Library landscaping: Specimen Florida native plants have been installed to check for viability for the site in front of the library. Various suggestions were considered, including rock to replace ground cover and using large pots for plants; using native ground cover, providing it is cold hardy; and hiring a professional for advice and installation.  
Following a discussion, Peggy Ernest volunteered to speak with Jayne Spangler and Audrey Reed about the native plants that are installed and how long they want to observe them before making a decision. Charlotte Maffia pointed out that they should be responsible for watering and care of the plants during the observation phase. The Board would like a decision by the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to decide on a direction for the landscaping and install by the end of September.  
Charlotte Maffia will interface with the Library Director to keep her informed and get her feedback.
2. The trash receptacle for Blevins Patriot Park has been received and will be installed during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. Council Budget Workshop is Monday, July 17. Parks & Recreation time to meet with Council to discuss the budget is 10:20 a.m. All Board members are encouraged to be there and to review the Mayor's proposed budget ahead of the meeting. Kelly Cook will send a reminder e-mail to the Board.
4. The Public Services report was distributed and reviewed.

Peggy Ernest moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

