



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Board of Parks and Parkways held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

Chairman Eric Richey
Lynne V. Brooks
Tammy K. Johnston
Irene Priess
Lee Fisher

Also Present:

Board Secretary, Elora R. Sakal
Council Liaison Roslyn Buckner

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Vice Chair Priess moved to approve the minutes. Board member Fisher seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

3. New Business:

- a) Yard of the Month Nomination - October, 2016

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 651 Falcon Avenue as the October, 2016 yard of the month.

- b) Yard of the Month Nomination - November, 2016

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 400 Eastward Drive as the November, 2016 yard of the month.

- c) Yard of the Month Nomination - December, 2016

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 500 Westward Drive as the December, 2016 yard of the month.

d) Yard of the Month Nomination - January, 2017

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 473 Lark Avenue as the January, 2017 yard of the month.

4. Other Business:

Chair Richey commented about a situation he encountered with regards to the tree removal ordinance. He stated that a resident requested to have a tree in their backyard removed because they wanted to put in a pool. They went through the permitting process and all was done correctly. The resident planted three 4" in diameter trees to replace the 10"-12" tree that was removed to comply with the ordinance. The home was sold and now the new resident does not want the 4" in diameter trees in the backyard. The issue is that, according to the ordinance, the 4" in diameter trees are not protected by the ordinance because it is not the 10"12" that are protected by the ordinance.

Chair Richey commented that this type of situation is difficult because it is hard to monitor. He said that he spoke about this with City Attorney Jan Seiden and he said that unless it becomes a big issue it need not be addressed at this time.

Chair Richey wanted to advise the Board so that they are aware of the situation and possibly some ideas may come to mind on how to alleviate it.

The Board suggested the possibility of revising the tree removal ordinance in the event that this situation becomes a larger issue.

Chair Richey mentioned the approval of funds for the rock wall renovations. Board Secretary Sakal commented that Public Works Director Nash would like the Board to come up with some kind of plan on who is going to renovate the rock walls and when this will occur. The Board agreed to place this item on their next agenda for discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Geiger Memorial and minor maintenance that needs to be done such as correcting the lighting above the flag pole and landscaping.

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5. Adjournment:

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Elora R. Sakal
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this 4th day of January, 2017.

Eric Richey, Chair

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