

48 Mr. Higelin asked if the Town is required by law to provide tennis court lighting; Ms.
49 Zengotita said no, it is a courtesy.

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51 **7. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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53 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

54 a. Dog Park policy – Chairman Shaffer invited Mr. Fottler to address the Board in
55 regards to this item. Mr. Fottler, a resident of Harbour Village since 2003 asked why the
56 toys were being removed from the Dog Park. He said he leaves tennis balls in the park
57 for other dogs to play with and “the guy in the white truck” keeps removing them; he
58 explained that dogs are sociable by nature and want to play with tennis balls and the
59 balls pose no harm to the animals. Chairman Shaffer asked Mr. Fottler if there are any
60 other items he’d like to see in the park or if he had any suggestions regarding the parks.
61 Mr. Fottler stated that there are a lot of mosquitoes at the dog park and he’d like to see
62 more done about that and he’d like to see the wire baskets re-installed for the pet toys
63 in the dog park. Vice-Chairman Smith explained the reasoning behind removing the
64 toys, referencing the policy set by this board in October 2015, was based on indicators
65 that park visitors typically bring their own pet toys, water, food, etc.. He added that this
66 policy ensures the park is safe and clean for all visitors by being proactive. Mr. Higelin
67 commented that Port Orange has a bucket at one of their parks, but it’s full of nasty
68 water and toys which is why a wire basket would be better but also reinforces the
69 board’s decision to remove the baskets. He added that all pet owners are not
70 responsible. Ms. Bell stated that this policy was enacted to clean up the parks and in
71 reaction to several complaints. Ms. Zengotita commented that the City of North Port has
72 a similar policy as the Town’s and Sarasota County recently enacted a similar policy as
73 well.

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75 Vice-Chairman Smith moved to leave in effect, the October 6, 2015 Park Maintenance
76 policy as written; seconded by Ms. Bell. The motion was APPROVED 5-0, roll-call vote.

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78 b. Fall 2016 Programming – Ms. Zengotita reviewed the programming list for the
79 Board and informed them that the Spring Programming includes a fitness seminar and
80 healthy eating habits lectures. She noted that on September 11th at 8:30 AM at the Fire
81 Station, there will be a 9/11 ceremony and at 11:00 AM the same day, she is hosting
82 Grandparents’ Day at the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum.

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84 Vice-Chairman Smith asked Ms. Zengotita to provide demographics of those attending
85 the programming events. Ms. Zengotita stated that most are female of the retirement
86 age, and she sees anywhere from five to ten attendees.

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88 The Board agreed by consensus to accept the Fall 2016 Programming as provided by
89 Ms. Zengotita.

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91 **9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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93 **10. BOARD DISCUSSION:** Mr. Higelin reported that the bench at the corner of S.
94 Peninsula Drive and Beach Street is falling apart and is not safe for use; stated that the

95 cutting board is gone from Elber's Park; and asked if anyone was communicating with
96 FPL about their subcontractor's tree trimming. Ms. Zengotita stated that she will report
97 the bench and the cutting board issues to Keith; she confirmed that the Manager,
98 Council, and staff are aware of the tree trimming and that conversations have been held
99 between staff and FPL regarding this matter. Mr. Higelin suggested that the Town
100 consider going to underground power; several board members commented that it was
101 considered many years ago and was determined to be too costly and much harder to
102 maintain.

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104 Mr. Higelin suggested that there be "rotating comment boxes" for suggestions in the
105 Parks. Ms. Zengotita said she will discuss with the Town Manager, and noted that
106 Pollard Park has already been done.

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108 Mr. Higelin suggested that a covered seating be installed in Davies Park so visitors can
109 enjoy a shaded area to sit near the playground; Chairman Shaffer suggested something
110 similar to a shade-cloth. Ms. Zengotita stated she would mention this to the Town
111 Manager as well.

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113 Mr. Higelin asked about all the trees being cleared for new construction and Ms. Bell
114 concurred, mentioning the status of the Newberry Development. Ms. Zengotita stated
115 that the tree-removal requests are done on a case-by-case basis by the Planning and
116 Development Department, which can authorize removal up to a certain-size.

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118 **11. ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Magrady moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by
119 Vice-Chairman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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