



Town of Surfside

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Town Clerk Herbello at 7:04 p.m.

The following were present:

- Chair Retta Logan
- Vice Chair Nicole Travis
- Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
- Committee Member Janice Tatum
- Committee Member Marta Olchyk

Also, present:

- Commissioner Nelly Velasquez
- Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
- Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes: August 17, 2020

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the August 17, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. All voted in favor.

4. Fall Pool Hours and Pool Space Availability

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the fall hours for the pool into September and stated that they adjust the pool hours monthly. He stated that in September they lose some sun and keep the pool open until 7 pm. They adjusted the recreational and lap swimming with hour slots with 15 minutes in between reservation in order to give custodial staff time to clean. He explained the changes done to the lap and recreational swimming. He stated that they will be doing some minor changes and expand the recreational swim. He explained the new mandate based on the County Order.

He stated that the water playground is still closed under the County Order. He stated that he believes once school is back in session the playgrounds will reopen. He stated that he would like to get some feedback from the Committee on this item.

Chair Logan stated that the feedback received is that the people enjoyed it and are happy.

Vice Chair Travis stated that some of the feedback was that the recreational swim was small but he has made the changes and gotten back some of the recreational swim back.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis and stated that they looked at the registration numbers. He stated they reduced it by 5 feet.

Vice Chair Travis commented on the recreational swim and having as much access as possible would be great. She commended the Parks and Recreation Department team with this phase and do they have a plan in place for the next phase of reopening and will it be a quick transition.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis and stated they are ready to open the tot lots and parks as well as the water playground pad when the County authorizes it. Their main importance is sanitizing the playgrounds.

Vice Chair Travis commented on the messaging of possibly have staff messaging the residents when it comes to them understanding what they are actually reserving and explain to the family what they are getting when they show up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis regarding the messaging and understands it and they will make sure they are aware of the implementation. They want to maximize while making things safe and functional for everyone.

Vice Chair Travis also stated to make sure families are not double booking and that needs to be looked at and put guidelines to not allow families to book back to back slots.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis regarding the double booking of families.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the double booking of the recreational swim and how full they are during school hours.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by the Committee and went over the percentage of recreational laps are being used through the week.

Committee Member Olchyk suggested to direct the Parks and Recreation Director Milian to address this issue and not allow it to happen

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to direct the Parks and Recreation Director Milian to limit the reservation/booking of the recreational swimming laps to one (1) booking per family per day, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. All voted in favor.

Discussion continued among the Committee regarding enforcing those individuals from booking and not showing up and penalizing them.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made and explained they are trying to keep a running list and reach out to people but they do not have a plan in place to penalize them other than keeping a running list.

Committee Member Olchyk stated coming up with a restriction system and those that do not show up then they cannot use the facilities that week.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it is a logistic issue and they can try to do that but he is not sure how it will be received.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding a penalty format for those that do not show up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they could put some type of measures that is tangible in place.

Vice Chair Travis asked to come up with a report of the no shows to see how chronic it is.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they could provide a report and look at the no-shows and see who is not using their time slots. He suggested sending information to the Committee Members with suggestions.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding recreational swimming.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will send something out to the Committee Members on how they will address the no shows.

5. Kayak Launch (Discussion Item) - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the kayak launch item and explained the rift raft that exists in some areas as well as the history of the kayak launch being requested.

Chair Logan commented on the fact that 96th street will not be ready anytime soon and if they still want the kayak launch in another area there are other agencies that have to also approve it like DERM.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the drawback with 96th street is the timeline of the park being built and it is also a dead-end street. He also discussed the impact that it will cause to the residents. He asked the Committee for their recommendation on location for the kayak launch.

Chair Logan stated that she likes the two options that will give people at the north and south end of the launch to be able to have one close to them.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding possible locations for the launch and what the feasibility report would include and entail.

Vice Chair Travis asked who would initiate this.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it would be a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee asking where they would like it placed.

Chair Logan stated that it requires a feasibility study and if the Town will not pay for it then they will not get a kayak launch.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that what was provided to the Commission was that the Committee wanted to see a kayak launch and to move it to that direction even if it means having to do a feasibility study.

Committee Member Tatum asked how long a feasibility study would take.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that depending on the number of seawalls he could check with the contractor and see how long it would take but does not believe it would take too long.

Committee Member Olchyk asked regarding the cost for the feasibility study.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it could range up to \$4,000 per study.

Vice Chair Travis commented on the interviews for Town Manager and understands everyone wants the kayak launch but does not want to hit a road block with the hiring process for Town Manager. She feels that they should do what needs to be done to get to the next step.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the Interim Town Manager's goal is to get this moving.

Committee Olchyk asked what they need from the Committee to move this item forward.

Chair Logan stated that it would be better to simply recommend to move forward with the launch and not determine a location.

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to recommend to the Town Manager for a possibility of a kayak launch with one of the feasible street ends, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. All voted in favor.

The following individual spoke on the item:
Jeff Rose

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by the public speakers.

6. Fall on site programming under new normal (Movie Night, Halloween)- Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the fall events that they have planned. He spoke regarding the programs they have started including their Tennis Program and expanding the Tennis hours to 10:00 p.m. He spoke regarding other sports that they are bringing for the fall. He also provided new programs for the seniors.

Committee Member Tatum commended the Parks and Recreation Department with the programs they are providing.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they are looking at October 23 or 30 for the Halloween movie night and there will be a pre-registration for the Halloween events.

Committee Member Tatum asked if there are any events for the toddlers.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are looking at the toddler soccer on Saturdays and they have talked to Mr. Potatoes Head to see what they could facilitate in our parks or the outside green center with some type of gymnastics.

Chair Logan asked if Mr. Potatoes Head does something with music in a circle.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that is something on their list.

Vice Chair Travis asked about the pumpkin carving contest.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will have that as well.

Vice Chair Travis wanted to get feedback from the back to school bash event. She thought that the glow bag was a great idea. She stated that there were a lot of videos/screens turned off and that was the only thing that made the event weird and you didn't know who was watching your child dance.

Committee Member Olchyk left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chair Logan asked if Parks and Recreation Director Milian has a count of how many people attended the back to school event.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it was about 19.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the back to school event and the bag giveaway.

7. Tween & Teen Scene Zoom Going forward

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the item and stated that zoom is still very popular but will be trimming it down once there are more activities being done outside. He said that they are not getting the numbers on the zoom program and would like to do it like in a pod mentality like the County in order to get more participation.

Chair Logan suggested other activities they can do like a beach cleanup while continue keeping their distance.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Chair Logan and stated that he believes zoom is not worth doing it for only one (1) participant.

Chair Logan stated that possibly coming up with something for that one participant even if it is at a different time.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian shared with the Committee other activities the Tween and Teen participated in.

Discussion took place among the Committee members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding participation in the programs and which ones will continue on zoom.

8. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the 96th Street Park and they are still waiting on approval for the architectural firm in order to start negotiation.

Discussion took place among the Committee members on the discussion at the Commission meeting regarding beach chairs and not addressing the 96th Street Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the winners of the scholarships. He stated that he will do a write up about them.

9. Public Comments - (3-minute time limit per speaker)

The following members of the public spoke:

Mandyf Davendourf spoke regarding the hours of the pool and open more things up and the recreational swimming laps.

Camila Martinez spoke regarding the slide for the children and that if the tot lot is privately owned and it is not the County if they could open the tot lot.

Amandine Pernin spoke regarding the water tot lot for the children.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments regarding the tot lots and the County mandates.

10. Next Meeting: October 19, 2020

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date.

11. Adjournment

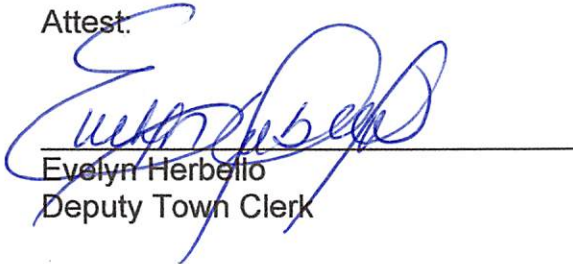
A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:54 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Tatum. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 19 day of October, 2020


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest.


Evelyn Herbelio
Deputy Town Clerk