



Town of Surfside

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Town Clerk Herbello at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Janice Tatum

Absent: Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
Committee Member Marta Olchyk
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez

Also, present: Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2020

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to approve the September 14, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote with Committee Member MacBride and Committee Member Olchyk absent.

4. Possible After School Program and Fall Programming Update – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the programs and the possibility of having the PEAR Program going live based under the new normal guidelines and possibly starting in November. He stated doing what they have done with the summer camp program and separating the buses for the aftercare program while maintaining social distancing. He spoke regarding sanitizing the Community Center and parks and there will be a maximum capacity of 40%. He will be gauging the community's feedback.

Vice Chair Travis thanked the staff for staying ready and at the front end to make sure everything is being handled properly.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comment made by Vice Chair Travis and stated that they are doing everything possible to stay on top of the COVID issue. He stated that they will be running two movie nights for Halloween and they had a waiting list. They advertised maintaining distance and have ample space for the families which will have their own pods. He stated that everyone that registered was placed on the list.

Parks Director Milian stated that they are doing more but there are individuals that would like both options of in person and continue zoom and they have guidelines in place to protect everyone. He spoke regarding the different programs the Community Center has and the success of them.

Committee Member Tatum stated that the Wednesday program puts some parents at a disadvantage in getting an appointment for the events in order to register.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comment made by Committee Member Tatum and stated that they are working hard to getting the issues handled and the tennis program has a waiting list. He stated that what occurred with Wednesday is that parents showed up without being registered.

Parks Director Milian spoke regarding the web track system in assisting in doing online registration. He spoke regarding the Halloween Event including pumpkin carving contest and movies.

Chair Logan asked if there are any mandates by the Town, cancelling Halloween and residents asking regarding trick or treating.

Parks Director Milian stated he has not heard anything nationally or county-wide and will follow up with the Town Manager but he believes it will be up to the parent's discretion. He spoke regarding Halloween being a tradition in Surfside.

Vice Chair Travis asked if by next meeting they can have an opportunity to discuss and get feedback of what changes would be implemented for the next round of registration since she has received a lot of feedback from the last registration.

Parks Director Milian stated that he will add that to the November 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting agenda.

Committee Member Tatum also commented on receiving calls from the residents regarding the registration process.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks Director Milian regarding the registration process and different complaints regarding the phones not being answered.

5. Facilities Opening Under New Normal Guidelines - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian introduced the item and gave an update on the opening of the water playground which is the tot lot adjacent to the pool and received good feedback on the water playground. He stated that the hours will be adjusted. He stated that we are still in the pandemic and there are still restrictions in keeping everyone safe.

Committee Member Tatum stated that she received feedback regarding the pool and would like the slide open for personal use.

Parks Director Milian stated that if they open the slide, which falls under amusement rides, they would have to rope off the area and not have anyone in the water which will require another employee. They have a 15-minute gap in order to have the area sanitized and cleaned.

Chair Logan asked if there is a protocol for 96th Street.

Parks Director Milian stated that basketball can be under organized play but they are not giving out equipment. He stated that if they cannot social distance and are not in their same family group they have to wear a mask.

Committee Member Tatum stated that mask wearing is being enforced at 96th Street Park by the attendant.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comment made regarding enforcement and County Order mandates. He stated that staff takes periodic trips to Hawthorne and the parks.

Vice Chair Travis stated that the attendant was making sure everyone was being held accountable and that made her feel safe.

Parks Director Milian stated that masks are being offered to those that forget a mask.

6. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the project. He stated that the firm Miller and Associates was awarded the RFQ for the design of the park. He advised the Committee that the goal is try to get them on the Commission agenda in November and it will be an agenda item moving forward on the Parks and Recreation Committee to provide an update on the project.

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

The following individual from the public spoke.

Jeff Rose thanked the Parks and Recreation Director for opening the tot lot and said that hopefully they could keep the kayak launch on the radar and possibly by the spring time they could have a solution for the kayak launch.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comment by Jeff Rose and stated that the kayak launch is an item on the Commission agenda and is still on the scope.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding a feasibility study for the Commission to move forward on the location and does that mean it has to appear on the Commission agenda.

Parks Director Milian stated that this Committee is a recommendation body and a feasibility study was already asked and the architectural firm is aware of that and it is a possibility. He stated that what has to happen first is coming up with a scheme and deciding the location.

Chair Logan stated that it is important for the public to attend and speak under good and welfare and communicate with the Commissioners that this is something the community wants.

Discussion continued among the Committee Members and Parks Director Milian regarding the kayak launch, its location and safety.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding paddeltopia and possibly having a monthly event with a floating dock and everyone can bring their own paddleboard and kayaks for one weekend a month.

Parks Director Milian stated that was a topic discussed and advised the Committee that this Thursday there will be a Special Commission Meeting to discuss the new Town Manager's Agreement and start date.

8. Next Meeting: November 16, 2020

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date. Consensus was reached to have the next meeting in person on November 16, 2020.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:56 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote with Committee Member MacBride and Committee Member Olchyk absent.


Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 16 day of November, 2020



Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk