



Town of Surfside

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
Committee Member Marta Olchyk
Committee Member Janice Tatum

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez

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

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to approve the January 25, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update of the project, the date for the kick off meeting and stated that it will be in a zoom format. He gave the second follow up and stated that they will be doing outreach programs through the design option. He stated that they will have booths as well as different stations so the

community can be involved. He stated that they want to do this quickly but also be thorough.

Chair Logan asked if they have to register in advance.

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello stated that they do not have to register prior to the zoom meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the outreach areas and what they are likely to put out. He stated that he does not think that March 15th will be a good date for the public relations firm to come out and present it to them. He asked the Committee if they want to run the March 15th meeting as a general meeting and then have another meeting for the public relations firm to address the Committee.

Chair Logan stated that they have to decide if they want to keep the March 15th as the public relations firm meeting or forego the March 15th meeting and have it as a regular meeting and then set up a special meeting to discuss the 96th Street Park project.

Discussion took place among staff and the Committee regarding having a regular meeting on March 15th.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian offered different dates for the meetings.

Consensus was reached by the Committee to either have the public relations firm meeting on March 29 or April 6. They requested Parks and Recreation Director Milian to get with Deputy Town Clerk Herbello to secure the date and send out the information to the Committee.

Discussion took place among the Committee regarding a timeframe of breaking ground on the park and the importance of this project.

Vice Chair Travis stated that it would be a great recreation center for the children and is excited about the project.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will do something with summer camp and spoke regarding the different areas that the children will be able to get outside in a camp setting as well as in a controlled environment.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they are looking at other properties and stated some other options that where they can place a kayak launch.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian commented on some of the issues with the kayak launch. He addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis regarding the kayak launch and priorities.

Committee Member MacBride spoke regarding funding, allocation of those funds and priorities.

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose spoke regarding the kayak launch and that if you do not put a kayak launch at the new park, you have all the street ends and you do not have to purchase those.

Committee Member Tatum spoke regarding providing a safe spot to launch the kayak.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by speaker Jeff Rose and stated that he does know that the kayak launch and the park is a priority.

Vice Chair Travis commented on a motion the Committee made a while back and it is frustrating to see that the Commission has not addressed this item on their agenda.

Committee Member MacBride commented on a possible plan B and spoke regarding where individuals are launching their kayak. He spoke regarding the tot lot and parking on the West side. He stated that you are still able to park and launch the kayak.

Chair Logan stated that once the Town commits to it, the project has to be done properly and the Town must take responsibility on the location.

5. New Normal Update/Programming - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update of the new normal program and the Tennis program.

The following individual spoke on the item:

Ben Frank spoke regarding the available activities and slots.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Mr. Frank. He explained the situation with Tennis and stated that they are working with the vendor to find a way to accommodate as many people as they can and try to open

up as many slots as they can while trimming what needs to be trimmed to make the program successful.

Committee Member Tatum stated that she does not recall a discussion regarding this particular point.

Chair Logan stated that they need to make their decision quicker than 15 days to determine which children are accepted into the program.

Committee Member Tatum believes that the fairest way is a lottery system.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he has brought up the lottery format as another alternative. He spoke regarding opening up slots to run additional programs and pull children out of the waiting list while expanding the program.

Committee Member Tatum asked how many children are on the waiting list.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that most programs have about five children on the waiting list and stated that they still have a waiting list with the additional programs added. The idea is to look for alternatives and he will check with the vendor to see if they have additional instructors. He stated that they are working on getting qualified certified instructors.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding the 18 slots that were added and stated they increased it by 35-40% last time and does he think he will be able to do something similar.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated his goal is to fill those slots without watering down the program.

Chair Logan spoke regarding the three courts and having more individuals playing.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that giving two weeks is an extreme measure that they need to make up their mind within 3-4 days because it is not fair for others that are interested in participating.

Further discussion took place regarding the time period registrants have to decide if they will register for the tennis classes, more instructors being available, adding the third court and it is a work in progress. They stated that they should not be seeing children on a waiting list session after session.

Chair Logan asked Parks and Recreation Director Milian to report back after he meets with the Tennis vendor.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will report back and he spoke regarding summer camp and what was done in the past and stated that it is a work in progress. He stated their goal is to get everyone off the waiting list.

Vice Chair Travis asked if they keep a track of who is currently on the waiting list and see who was on the waiting list last time. She stated that hopefully it will work out with the vendor in order to assist in utilizing the third court in order to get as many children off the waiting list.

Committee Member Olchyk left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

6. Pool/Slide and Water Tot Lot Maintenance time frame and Agreement with Miami Shores - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update of the item and stated that they are still looking at opening in March but weather will play a big roll. He went through what the refurbishment of the facility entails.

7. Possible Spring Camps and Summer Camp

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update of the item and stated that the information was sent out to the Committee with the different camps and activities. He stated that they have flyers and he will send them the information.

Chair Logan stated that it will depend on the pandemic.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they ran a modified plan due to COVID and stated that right now they are looking at possibly being in a better place and the goal is to have something ready for the summer.

Vice Chair Travis asked regarding the swim activities and swim team.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are thinking about a learn to swim program and there will be restrictions and which children they can take. He spoke about the popularity of the lap swimming and he has received questions about a swim team. He stated that if they do a recreational swim team they would lose usage of a section of the pool during that time.

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

There were no public speakers.

Town Manager Hyatt thanked the Committee members for their dedication and their hard work.

9. Next Meeting: March 15, 2021

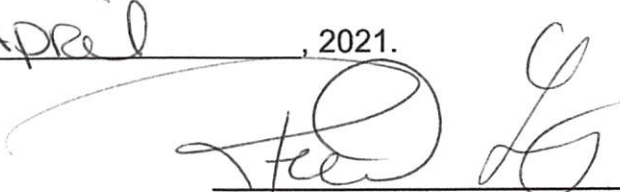
Consensus was reached by the Committee to change the March meeting date and it will be held either on March 29, 2021 or April 6, 2021. They stated that the only item on the agenda besides the approval of these minutes would be 96th Street Park. Park and Recreation Director Milian will coordinate with Deputy Town Clerk Herbello on which date the meeting will take place.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:16 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Olchyk absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 19 day of April, 2021.



Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk