



**Town of Surfside
Parks and Recreation Committee
MINUTES
August 22, 2022
7:00 PM
Community Center Fish Bowl**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

The following members were present: Chair Retta Logan, Vice Chair Frank MacBride, Jr., Committee Member Christopher Cook, Committee Member Marta Olchyk, Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Also, present: Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Town Manager Andrew Hyatt, Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian and Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello.

2. Agenda and Order of Business

Deputy Town Clerk advised the Committee Members regarding the process of adding items on to the agenda for future meetings.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A July 18, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the July 18, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair MacBride. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

[07-18-2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

4. Discussion Items

4.A 96th Street Park Update / Fall Programming - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated they had the closing on the original RFP and received no construction bids. He stated that they went back to the drawing board and had a meeting with designers and staff to see what needed to be done in order to obtain some bids. He stated that they came up with another RFP and provided the dates and time frame for

submission. He provided an overview of the conversations he had with Savino Miller and they feel confident that with the adjustments made they will be able to receive some bids.

Committee Member Cook asked what would be the closing dates of the park.

Committee Member Manuel asked if the earliest closing would be Spring 2023.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they could be breaking ground in December. He also provided an update on the fall programming including the soccer program. He stated that Normandy Isle will continue to honor their agreement with the Town using the soccer field. He also stated that the Halloween event will still move forward and the date would be October 29, 2022. He stated that Parks and Recreation will be using the same format as done in the past to include the date being the weekend prior to October 31, 2022. He explained that per the request from the Committee and community in the past, the attendance will be more controllable when it is held the weekend prior to Halloween and kept as a resident only event.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the improvements to Hawthorne Tot Lot. He stated it will be a two week process and spoke regarding the fitness equipment once the survey and site plan is in place. He spoke regarding the second story tennis center project and gave an update on that project.

Chair Logan asked how long Hawthorne Tot Lot would take once they start the process.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it would be 8 to 10 weeks and stated the vendor they will be using who they have used before.

4.B After School Program Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the program. He stated that they had a zoom meeting on Friday and they have been meeting with the YMCA. He stated that their logistics is coming in with quality staff. He stated that he met with PEAR and they will be dissolving and that needed to be timed with them before they bring in YMCA. He stated that they are hoping to start with the YMCA soon and they have started with the licensing and exemption process. He stated that the exemption would be the way to go but if not they will move forward with the licensing process. He stated that the best case scenario is to be up running November 1. He stated that they will also be having a job fair at the Community Center and YMCA will be sending out the information to see what they have as far as staff.

4.C July 4th Eco-Friendly Laser/Drone Patriotic Light Show. - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and provided suggestions to alternatives for the July 4 firework event. He spoke regarding the drone laser light show and does not believe they will have an issue if they do the drone laser show

instead of the fireworks. he stated that he believes it would be eco-friendly. He stated that it was brought up at the Tourist Board at their last meeting as well.

Chair Logan asked if it is financially equivalent.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it is more than the hand held fireworks which is what they use because it keeps the cost down. He stated that the Tourist Board is pushing this to move forward using the resort tax funds towards the drone light show.

Chair Logan asked if they still have to section off the beach.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they still have to section off a part of the beach. He will provide a link to the Committee Members to see how they look.

Vice Chair MacBride asked if they will make noise.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it is quiet and they do not have to worry about the turtles, adults and children like they do when they use the fireworks.

Committee Member Olchyk asked for an average cost of this light show.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it depends on what you want but it could run between \$60,000 and \$100,000 but it will come out of the Tourist Fund along with what is budgeted originally for the fireworks.

Chair Logan also stated that there are hidden costs that also have to be taken into account like staff rate, etc.

Committee Member Olchyk asked if they could join with hotels or Bal Harbour to see if the cost could be less.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they have looked into it but they have not had much luck. He stated that in the past when they have discussed this option with neighboring municipalities, the municipality requests for their residents to have access to the Community Center.

4.D Creating and Maintaining Social Media for the Parks and Recreation Department - Committee Member Christopher Cook - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Committee Member Cook introduced the item. He suggested having a supplemental channel on the website with more detail of programming. He stated that there are many things happening at the same time and there is a static message on the website and would like some form of media information on a live platform.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will speak with Communications and Tourism Director Trigueros to get some information and will come back at the next meeting.

Committee Member Manuel stated to have a social media account for Parks and Recreation.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that the previous Commission was not social media friendly but they are working on that currently.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they need the logistics and proper staffing.

Chair Logan stated that they have to make sure the images of children are not released without the proper signed releases. She stated that if they are getting a PR firm that would be different but the Parks and Recreation Department cannot run that.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that as the PR department starts to grow maybe they can incorporate something like that.

Vice Mayor Rose provided an idea to use possibly with the Halloween event and post it on Instagram.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the social media platform, ideas and logistics.

4.E Dog Poop Bins at Street Ends and Other Spots in Town - Committee Member Christopher Cook - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Committee Member Cook introduced the item. He stated that he remembered when they had a dog, he would walk 5 blocks and there were no dog poop bins. He stated that the Froude Street end that leads to the water, 90th Street end, and Indian Creek Police Station there are no poop bins.

Chair Logan stated that there is one at Hawthorne Tot Lot which is across the street.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian explained the item backup material which depicts all dog poop bins located in the different areas within the Town. He stated that they put them in and it mushroomed to now they have 15 and they try to do it logistically. He stated that they actually do the servicing of those bins which is collection and it is done everyday.

Vice Chair MacBride asked how long it takes his staff to do the collection.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it takes his staff about 1 1/2 hour to do the collection. He stated it does put a logistics burden on them.

Committee Member Manuel suggested having more trash cans.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian will mention it to the Public Works Director.

[Surfside Dog Station Map.pdf](#)

5. Public Comments

There were no public speakers.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that they are worried about how the Community Center will be affected by the demolition of the Regent Palace and construction of the new project going on that property.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they have been in discussion regarding completely protecting and barricading the Community Center and they will be responsible for any repairs caused by the construction including unclogging the pool or anything else that would happen.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will work with the contractors like they did with the 40 year recertification of the building next door.

Committee Member Olchyk is worried how it will be affecting her condominium as well.

Chair Logan asked if they will still have the access path.

Town Manager Hyatt stated it will be closed during construction but he will be asking for a wider access path because it is not ADA accessible at this point.

6. Next Meeting Date

6.A Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2022 - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

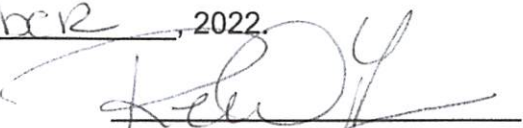
Consensus was reached to hold the next meeting on September 19, 2022.

7. Adjournment


A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:44 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Manuel. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 17 day of October 12, 2022


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:


Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk