



**Town of Surfside
Parks and Recreation Committee
MINUTES
February 20, 2024
5:30 PM
Manny Crawford Conference Room**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Logan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Former Deputy Clerk Herbello called the roll with the following members present:

Present: Chair Retta Logan, Vice Chair Frank MacBride, and Committee Member Marta Olchyk.

Absent: Committee Member Christopher Cook and Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Also Present: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Adrian Hernandez and Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose.

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A January 22, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes - Sandra McCready, Town Clerk

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the January 22, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair MacBride. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

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4. Discussion Items

4.A 96th Street Park Update

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the project. He spoke regarding the opening of phase 1 and they will make sure it is safe to open. He spoke regarding the temporary lights and restrooms as well as phase 2 opening.

Chair Logan spoke regarding her concern during the day reference the construction and people trying to park with their children.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that their goal right now is only opening on Tuesday and Thursdays for the Soccer program. He does not anticipate opening the whole field.

Vice Chair MacBride is not in agreement with the temporary opening of the park. He stated that the field needs to be leveled, settled, watered and rolled to make sure it is safe and the ground is settled. He wants to make sure the field is safe for the children to play.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez addressed the comments made by the Committee Members and he stated that is being currently done and explained the process.

Committee Member Olchyk asked what the rush is to open the park.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated they received complaints regarding the traffic.

Committee Member Olchyk asked why can't they wait a bit to make sure everything is safe.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that the field will be 100% safe and before they open it they will do a walkthrough and make sure it is completely safe. He stated the only issue they might encounter is the parking. They will advertise to bike, walk or ride share.

Chair Logan asked if there will be staff there helping the individuals coming to make sure they are only there for the soccer program. She stated the concern that some individuals will ask why only the soccer program is allowed to use the field.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez addressed the comments made and what their plan is to address those issues.

The Committee as a whole wanted to state for the record that they are not in agreement of opening the park early without it being completely done.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the opening of the park, the issues of opening it early, staffing with police and code enforcement and the fact that they are not in agreement with opening it early. Also the double parking issue they have and how it can become worse now with the park opening.

4.B 92nd Street Pocket Park Update

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the project. He stated they installed the free reading library and they are making sure that the books are kid friendly. He will send them a picture once it is installed.

Chair Logan asked regarding where the flamingo is being installed.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated he will find out where it is being installed.

4.C Community Center Maintenance and Dates Closed

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the maintenance of the Community Center. He stated it is closed for maintenance and they were having issues with the tile markers because they were cracking.

Committee Member Olchyk asked why they decided to do it now and disrupt zumba and not during the time that zumba was not going to be taking place.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that the company is from North Carolina and this was the only time they were able to come and do the work. He explained that the water tot lot slide was showing signs of wear and tear on the fiberglass exposure and for the safety of the children he believed it was instrumental to have it taken care of as soon as possible. The pool should be opening up on Saturday. He stated that they will work with the members of zumba to make up for the days missed.

4.D Family Fun Day Recap

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided a recap of the event. He stated it was a great turnout over 1,000 people showed up. He spoke regarding the different vendors that participated. He stated they got great feedback.

Chair Logan stated that the events at night are great, but it was very hot and that is why she loves the park for the tree coverage. She stated the only thing she heard was that it was very hot.

4.E 5K Run Update

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the item. The race is scheduled for this Sunday and 125 people signed up for the race. This year they will be giving out medals to all participants.

Chair Logan asked if due to Bal Harbour having their event if it will affect ours.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that it should not and stated they always expect around the same number of participants.

Vice Chair MacBride asked what the route is.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez explained to the Committee the route of the 5K run.

4.F YMCA Spring Camp

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the item.

Vice Chair MacBride asked if enrollment is more or less what it was before the YMCA handled the Spring Camp.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated it is a little bit less because Ruth K. Broad opened up their own after school program.

Chair Logan stated that is why they lost some of the children.

Vice Chair MacBride is hoping that once the park opens up they will get more children enrolled.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that DCF did an inspection of the after care program and they found that the greenspace fence, due to the erosion, is not to the 4 feet requirement and due to that reason the children cannot play in that space until it gets resolved. He stated they are working on getting that resolved.

5. Public Comments

Chair Logan opened the floor to public comments.

The following members of the public spoke:

Eliana Salzhauer spoke regarding the 96th Street Park project and the rush to open the park and it is not safe to do so.

Randi MacBride spoke regarding the 96th Street Park project.

Chair Logan closed the floor to public comments.

The Committee Members addressed the comments made by the public speakers and clarified misinformation that a public speaker provided in her comments.

6. Next Meeting Date

6.A Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Former Deputy Clerk Herbello advised the Committee of the next meeting date being March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Consensus was reached by the Committee Members to approve the meeting date.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss before the Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair MacBride. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Chair Retta Logan

Attest:

Sandra N. McCready, MMC, MPA
Town Clerk