



**Town of Surfside**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**November 16, 2020 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 Janice Tatum  
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.

Absent: Committee Member Marta Olchyk

Also, present: Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager  
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director  
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk  
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez

**2. Agenda and Order of Business**

Town Manager Hyatt introduced himself to the Committee members.

**3. Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2020**

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to approve the October 19, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Olchyk absent.

**4. Halloween Events Recap – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks Director Milian gave a recap of the Halloween event which was the monster mash with 39 participants. He stated that they are still doing things via zoom and that is why they did the monster mash with the back to school theme.

Vice Chair Travis stated the event was a success and most of the children were in their costumes.

Parks Director Milian stated the other event was the pumpkin carving contest. They gave away pumpkins. The pumpkin carving designs were emailed and posted and they gave the top three (3) an award.

Parks Director Milian stated there were two (2) Halloween movie nights.

Vice Chair Travis stated it was a great event for the children and the event was a success.

Parks Director Milian stated that they were able to assess what they want to do in November and determine which movies they will be showing. They will increase the families from 15 to 20 and they will be able to spread it out and still have it be comfortable and accommodate more families.

#### **5. Additional Fall/Holiday Events – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the additional fall and holiday events.

Parks Director Milian stated that all everything is done inhouse and being outside is a perfect environment to make it a successful event. He spoke regarding the December events that will include a movie night. He stated that Santa and Friends will be coming to Surfside on December 13, 2020 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and there will be a special guest with Santa which will be Danny the dancing Dradel. He stated that there will be a Zoom Story Time with Santa and Mrs. Clause also with Danny the dancing Dradel which will be online and also on channel 663. He stated that there will be a Scavenger Hunt throughout Town which will be a Surfside turtle that will be set up in a designated area and participants will take pictures with the turtle. Whoever finds all five will receive a special prize. He also stated they will be having a senior Bingo Night on December 23, 2020.

Commissioner Velasquez asked Parks Director Milian regarding the photo with Santa and what time that would take place. She asked within that time frame how many residents will be able to be accommodated and how many pictures are taken.

Parks Director Milian stated that it should be approximately 15 families will be accommodated and it would be about 25 pictures that will be taken.

Chair Logan stated that the residents have to reserve their spot for the picture taking with Santa.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if there are more participants if times would be extended.

Parks Director Milian stated that they are unable to do that and it is up to the vendor if a new date would have to be scheduled.

#### **6. New Normal Program Registration - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the new normal program registration. He stated that they decided to do this a week in advance to set up the registration date. He spoke regarding the Tennis programs and stated that their programs are popular. He commented on the feedback and ideas residents and Committee members have provided.

Chair Logan asked when the registration will go out.

Parks Director Milian stated that registration will be available next week. He commented on revising the registration process. He spoke regarding the limited courts they have available. He gave some updates and feedback on the tennis program.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding the Tennis program and registration process and stated there is a supply and demand issue with that program.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair Travis regarding summer camp, supply and demand and registration process and the height of tennis season.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members and staff regarding the registration process and spots available for the tennis program as well as the soccer program. Discussion regarding having a priority registration process would assist the children and it will let you know how many slots you have available.

Commissioner Velasquez commented that doing the online registration would be great because it would give more opportunity to parents to be able to bring their children to the tennis court and asked if there is a possibility to have different time frames. She also asked how the information gets out to the residents.

Parks Director Milian stated that there is an email blast that goes out, on the website and gazette advising everyone in advance.

Vice Chair Travis asked if they are willing to do weekend clinics.

Parks Director Milian stated they just have not had community need to have clinics on the weekend.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members and Parks Director Milian regarding different programs available.

Committee member MacBride asked if in the tennis program there is a competition that other towns have players that the kids could work towards other than sharpening their skills. He also asked if those children could participate in more than one program.

Parks Director Milian stated that they do not have a competitive program as he stated. He stated it is a recreational program and the children could choose to participate in more than one program.

#### **7. 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the project and stated that it will be going forward for approval in December before the Commission.

Commissioner Velasquez asked when the information will be given to the Commission.

Parks Director Milian stated it will be sent to the Commission once the documents are ready and will be part of their December Agenda Packet.

Commissioner Velasquez asked that once the Commission approves this portion the next step is the design concept.

Parks Director Milian stated that once the Commission approves this the next step will be the design concept.

Vice Chair Travis stated that the kayak launch should be on the agenda and if there is any movement with having a feasibility study to include a kayak launch.

Parks Director Milian stated that the kayak launch is still a possibility to be a part of the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park project. He also stated that Vice Mayor Paul has an item on the Commission agenda to discuss the kayak launch.

Chair Logan stated that having the kayak launch on our agenda is redundant because the Commission has to authorize and determine the kayak launch.

Committee member Travis stated that it has been on the agenda and the Committee should keep the kayak launch on the top of the agenda.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members regarding the kayak launch.

Parks Director Milian stated that the kayak launch is part of the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park project.

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

No public speakers.

**9. Next Meeting: December 21, 2020**

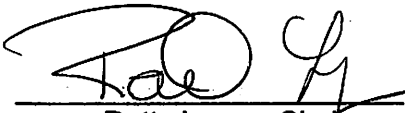
Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date. Consensus was reached to have the next meeting in person on December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

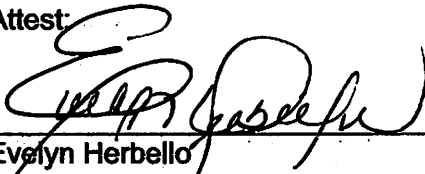
**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:06 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 4-0 with Committee Member Olchyk absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 21 day of December, 2020.

  
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Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:  
  
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Evelyn Herbello  
Deputy Town Clerk