



Town of Surfside

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

December 21, 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.
Committee Member Marta Olchyk

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: November 16, 2020

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to approve the November 16, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Dates

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello provided the 2021 dates for the Parks and Recreation Committee meetings.

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting dates with the amendment of changing the January 18, 2021 meeting date to January 25, 2021 due the Holiday January 18, 2021 and changing February 16, 2021 meeting date to February 22, 2021 due to the February 16, 2021 Holiday, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the additional fall and holiday events along with the number of families that attended the events. He thanked the Police Department for their help in obtaining the Fire Department Truck and Police vehicle. He stated as they move forward going into the winter, they will continue to provide services while keeping everyone as safe as possible under the new normal guidelines.

Vice Chair Travis stated that the events were done very well and the route they had to walk for the different stations was very well executed and congratulated the staff.

Parks Director Milian thanked the Committee for their support and stated that they got 14 walkup slots available and were able to accommodate them and have all the families participate.

Chair Logan asked if they had an issue of people not showing.

Parks Director Milian stated that they did not have that issue and were able to accommodate everyone on the waiting list.

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

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the new normal program registration and the Tennis Program registration. He stated that they are on a limited capacity and limited facility. He stated that they expanded the Tennis Program and are using the three (3) courts to have tennis lessons. He stated there are some registration slots still open but for the most part there was positive feedback. He spoke regarding adding more classes to accommodate the residents.

Vice Chair Travis stated that their tennis experience went well and it was good to be able to register early. She asked if they were able to get through the wait list.

Parks Director Milian stated they are going through the wait list and have been able to eliminate most of the wait list.

Vice Chair Travis asked if that also includes people that have a spot but also are on a wait list. She also asked if they are doing only one (1) spot per class.

Parks Director Milian stated that someone in that scenario would be counted on the wait list and he stated that yes one (1) child gets one slot per class. He also discussed the October registration.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks Director Milian regarding the registration process and how staff is handling being on the front line and issues that might come up.

7. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the project and stated it is on the January 2021 Town Commission Meeting Agenda and they are set for January.

Chair Logan asked if it is approved at the Commission Meeting if the architectural rendering will start being worked on January.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that item will be moved up on the January agenda to be heard.

The following individual spoke on the item:

Jeff Rose on what the Parks and Recreation Committee think on the fact that there are two lots if the Town would purchase both in order for an expansion and what the Committee thinks about it.

Committee Member Tatum stated that the Town should purchase it.

Committee Member MacBride asked if it is the two (2) lots south available and one of the lots needs a new seawall. He stated that he would be in agreement to expand at least to one lot and asked if Town Manager Hyatt has available grant funds in order to expand our park.

Speaker Jeff Rose stated yes that they are available.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comments made by speaker Jeff Rose and believes the lot is considered a double lot.

Further discussion took place regarding those two lots and the pink house lot and a grant that was available in the past.

Parks Director Milian stated that they are limited on green space and anytime that you have an opportunity to expand he agrees with in order to have more green space.

Vice Chair Travis is in favor in exploring this option and there should be more public space and parks.

Town Manager Hyatt stated the Commission gave him authorization to look for additional vacant properties along the waterfront and that has been started a couple of weeks ago.

Chair Logan asked Parks Director Milian regarding the bureaucracy with grant funds and the requirements and that is why they did not do it in the past with the pink house.

Parks Director Milian stated that with grant funds it becomes public and has to be available to everyone.

Committee member Olchyk asked Town Manager Hyatt regarding looking for investment properties.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that it was property on the water with the consideration of the kayak launch and more park space. He stated that they are looking at getting appraisals as well of those properties.

Vice Chair Travis stated that 96th Street is already waterfront and if they can look at property that is not waterfront for park space.

Parks Director Milian stated that the Committee could make a motion to what the Commission approved last month and the Committee approves that decision.

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to agree with the Commission's movement to direct the Town Manager to look for green space to expand the park, seconded by Committee Member Travis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

8. Kayak Launch Survey - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update on the survey and stated the deadline to submit the survey is February 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Member Tatum asked who came up with the questions for the survey because she saw fishing on the survey and she was excited.

Chair Logan stated that Vice Mayor Paul started it and had the Commission add any other questions.

Parks Director Milian stated it came from the Commission through the Town Manager.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that the property on 88th street is two parcels and the owner has divided the parcel and they are looking into that one as well as others.

Committee Member MacBride asked Town Manager Hyatt there was a lot on the north side at Indian Creek and their Town Hall on the South side and there was availability for the Town to use the North Lot on the bridge and he thought of that maybe part of the kayak launch.

Town Manager Hyatt stated there is a stormwater easement there and the vacant lot is a staging area for them but there is a stormwater easement on the northside.

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

There were no public speakers.

10. Next Meeting: January 18, 2021

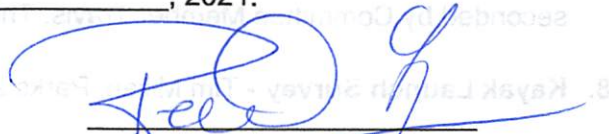
Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date. Consensus was reached to have the next meeting on January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. since January 18, 2021 is a holiday.

11. Adjournment

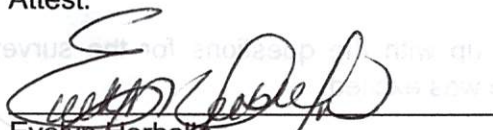
A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:45 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member MacBride. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 25th day of Jan, 2021.


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:


Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk