



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

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MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

DECEMBER 17, 1992

1. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Broberg at 1:30 PM on December 17, 1992, in the Recreation Center. Commission members in attendance were Chairman Broberg, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Lubow and Mrs. Clarke-Royal. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Tennis Pro Hay, and Mrs. Reedy. Absent from the meeting were; Mrs. Leidy, Mr. Myers and Mrs. McIntyre.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Lubow made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke-Royal, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 1992 MINUTES: On motion of Mr. Lubow and seconded by Mrs. Clarke-Royal, minutes of October 28, 1992 were approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tennis Pro Shop Recognition Plaque - Mr. Bitzer.

Mr. Bitzer said he had contacted Mr. Pressly and received his check which is reflected in the updated list of money received so far. He said they now have a balance of \$4,620.67. He said there was a possibility of a \$1,000 donation from the Civic Association and once that is determined, they can then request the check from the Tennis Association for the outstanding balance of the loan, and can then move forward and order the donors plaque.

Mr. Broberg said the Palm Beach Tennis Association has already donated \$15,000, but they have agreed to pick up the shortfall of funds even though the time for repayment of the loan has been extended to March. He said hopefully the balance will be reduced to \$3,620.67 if the donation can be obtained from the Civic Association. Mr. Broberg noted that the donation from the Palm Beach Tennis Association would be approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Ochstein suggested that the listing of the Palm Beach Tennis Association should be in larger letters because of the size of their donation. Mr. Broberg suggested that possibly they could

do something else in recognition of their donation, certainly a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Bitzer asked the Commission for a decision on the order of listing of the names on the plaque. It was agreed that the Palm Beach Tennis Association would be at the top of the list, then two spaces and the individual donors would be listed in alphabetical order, then two more spaces, and the organizations and corporations will be listed on the bottom of the plaque.

Motion was made by Mrs. Clarke-Royal that the Palm Beach Tennis Association be listed first, then two spaces, the names of individual donors in alphabetical order next, then two spaces and the corporations and organizations last. Seconded by Mr. Lubow, motion carried.

2. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Tennis Court Scheduling Procedures - Mr. Bitzer.

The Commission indicated that they would need to adjourn the meeting at 2 PM.

Mr. Bitzer said with only ten minutes left in the meeting he didn't feel there was enough time today to discuss the Commissions' proposed revisions and procedures. He said it was his intention to present overall information with discussion afterwards. Mr. Lubow asked if they couldn't just get to the heart of the matter? Mr. Bitzer said he would prefer not making a staff decision until after the Commission has reviewed the information and expressed their opinions. Mr. Bitzer estimated that the presentation of his material would take 20 to 30 minutes, with discussion and questions afterward and he would recommend that this item be deferred to the January meeting.

Mr. Lubow said he did not feel that the Recreation Department staff and the Seaview Park Commission would be able to resolve this situation, and he felt it was time to make a proposal of rescheduling and take it to the Town Council.

Mr. Bitzer said he did not agree. He said that last spring when they were discussing the Women's Team Tennis policies and procedures, the Commission agreed to a temporary arrangement with the morning mixed doubles program and that in the Fall, the overall tennis court scheduling procedures including the Morning Mixed Doubles group, would be reviewed. Commission meetings were not held in August or September. Mr. Bitzer said this item was discussed at the October meeting. However, staff had only a few hours notice prior to these specific recommendations being advanced. He said the staff needed sufficient time to review these recommendations. It was the staffs' intention to discuss this matter at the November meeting. However, the meeting was not held as the Commission did not have a quorum.

Mr. Bitzer said it was his intention to resolve this matter as quickly as possible and that the staff is ready to proceed. However, this review will require more than ten minutes. Mr. Bitzer said he is of the opinion that the Town Council would want recommendations from the staff and Commission before it would consider this as an agenda item. However, he is also of the opinion that this is a program and facility scheduling item and with sufficient time to review this matter, it should be resolved at the Department and Commission level.

Mr. Broberg said he did not feel that Mr. Lubow could speak for the Commission, and he felt the Commission could make a decision. Mr. Ochstein said the Commission has made a decision. Mr. Broberg said he disagreed. Mr. Bitzer said there were recommended changes in the court booking procedures, and it was recommended that they be implemented on a trial basis, but after reviewing the recommendations, he did not feel these recommendations were in the best interest of the Town, even on a trial basis. Mr. Bitzer said that this decision was explained in his November 20th memorandum to the members of the Commission.

Mr. Lubow said that one of the ladies teams has no members who belong to the Seaview Park Recreation Center, and does not support the facility. He said they pay a fee, but offer no other support and bring their own pro when they have matches. Mr. Bitzer said he would like to see them support the Seaview Park pro.

Mr. Broberg said he felt this could all be resolved if they could have all the findings which Mr. Bitzer and Mr. Hay have compiled presented to them in writing before a full Commission. Mrs. Clarke-Royal asked Mr. Bitzer if he could mail the information to members of the Commission before the next meeting? Mr. Ochstein said he thought the intent of the Commission was to; (a) to get one and one half hour playing time for doubles; and (b) to get the singles to respect prime times, which would seem to be in the best interest of most people who play tennis at the recreation center. Mr. Bitzer said he would provide this information, in writing prior to the January Commission meeting.

Mr. Lubow said that several non-residents tie up courts in the morning for singles. Mr. Bitzer said that courts are available to non-residents at a much higher permit rate. He said they might want to review whether or not they want to restrict permits to Town residents, but they couldn't very well change the rules in the middle of the game, restricting non-resident permits in the middle of the year.

Mr. Lubow disagreed. He gave an example of a couple who live in West Palm Beach who play singles every day, often booking two single courts.

Mr. Bitzer said that this was probably a budget related item that could be addressed during FY-94 budget preparation meetings with the Commission, and if changes were to be recommended, they

should be for the next fiscal year as this type of change could result in a significant reduction in revenue unless this loss is passed on to the resident permit holders. Mr. Bitzer said that he could further address this item at the January Commission meeting.

Mr. Hay said he wanted to make some schedule changes in the Junior after school tennis program. He said that there are many more court hours available at night since the new lights have been installed. He said he would like to move the advanced Junior Clinic on Mondays and Wednesdays so as to follow the intermediate Junior Clinic rather than to continue running them concurrently. This would mean utilizing the courts from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. However, it would open up a similar number of courts for open bookings from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Mr. Hay stated the following reasons:

1. To improve the quality of the advanced program by separating it from the younger juniors.
2. To better facilitate efficient coaching schedules, thereby improving both the coaching staff and reducing administrative work.
3. This type of schedule is the norm at public tennis facilities.

Mr. Lubow said this was a good idea since the Town Council approved the new lights with the intention of making more evening court hours available to both working adults and the junior program. Mr. Lubow made a motion that the junior practice time be extended to 6:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Seconded by Mrs. Clarke-Royal, motion carried

Mr. Bitzer said that based on Mr. Hay's comments and the Seaview Park Commission's recommendation, he is administratively approving this schedule change on a trial basis for the winter session to begin in early January.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 1993 Commission Meeting Schedule - Mr. Broberg.

On motion by Mr. Lubow, seconded by Mr. Ochstein and carried unanimously, the Seaview Park Commission set the 1993 meeting schedule as follows:

1-27-93	7-93 NO MEETING
2-24-93	8-93 NO MEETING
3-24-93	9-22-93
4-28-93	10-27-93
5-26-93	11-17-93
6-23-93	12-15-93

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Mrs. Clarke-Royal asked how many contractual employees worked for the Town, and what was the possibility of them being covered under the Town's health care program? She said a contractual employee was recently in an automobile accident and had no insurance. Mr. Bitzer did not feel that this was a likely possibility as this individual was a sub-contractor to the Tennis Pro Manager. Mr. Broberg suggested that this matter could be discussed further when Mr. Myers is present as he was involved with a Committee that reviewed the specifics of the Tennis Pro's contract.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Jacquelyn Reedy