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MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

DECEMBER 4, 1990

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Daniel Hanley at 1:10 PM in the Recreation Center on December 4, 1990. Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Hanley, Mr. Myers, Mr. Kemble, Mr. Broberg, Mrs. Coniglio, and Mr. Russell. Mrs. Newman did not attend the meeting. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Brown, acting Tennis Pro, Jim Hay and Ms. Reedy.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Coniglio to approve the minutes of the September 26, 1990 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, motion carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Status Report Tennis Pro-Shop Fundraising.

Mr. Hanley asked Mr. Bitzer to bring the Commission up to date on the status of the fund raising for the Tennis Pro Shop.

Mr. Bitzer said the original loan was for \$42,530, less the Palm Beach Tennis Association's contribution of \$15,000, individual contributions to date of \$9,889.83, less the pledge from the Palm Beach Racketeers of \$7,500 and individual pledges totaling \$5,000 which leaves a balance of \$5,141.17. He complimented the members of the

Commission in their fund raising efforts and noted the due date on the loan is August 8, 1992.

B. Proposed Tennis Tournament - Mr. Helimi

Mr. Hanley said Mr. Helimi was not present at this time and suggested they continue on to the next item on the agenda and come back to the Tournament if Mr. Helimi arrives later on in the meeting.

C. Status Report - Tennis Pro-Manager Appointment

Mr. Bitzer said they had not chosen a final candidate to fill the Tennis Pro-Manager position. He said that Mr. Hay was doing a great job as acting Pro. Mr. Bitzer said they had received 56 applications to fill the Tennis Pro position. He said that on November 27th a selection Committee had interviewed the top 6 candidates and they were in the process of doing background checks on the 6 candidates and he expected a decision to be made sometime within the next week as to which candidate will be recommended for the position.

Mrs. Coniglio asked if the choice would then go before the Town Council?

Mr. Bitzer said they had recommended some changes in the Tennis Pro contract, and those would go before the Town Council on December 11th. He said he had requested through the Town Manager that the Council authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with the top candidate when selected.

Mr. Kemble asked if they had decided on a final form for the contract? Mr. Bitzer said they had worked through a Contract Review Committee and they were now finalizing insurance items with the Risk Manager, and the Town Attorney will be reviewing the proposed contract for legal form and sufficiency. Mr. Bitzer said the Commission would be advised as soon as a decision is made.

Mr. Hanley said the basic contract was that the Tennis Pro would receive a retainer and would retain 100% of revenues from Tennis lessons which would bring them in line with other Municipalities.

Mr. Kemble asked Mr. Bitzer if he had any feeling as to whether or not the Council would be receptive to the new contract? Mr. Bitzer said the matter would come before the Council on Tuesday, December 11th. He said he had presented the recommendation to the Town Manager and he indicated that he concurs with the recommendation. Mr. Bitzer said the screening group included himself, Vicki Porter, Assistant Personnel Director, Byron Thomas, Dan Hanley and Jim Myers and he wished to express his appreciation for their help in reducing the large number of applicants down to six finalists.

D. Teen Program Special Event - "Lock-In"

Mr. Brown said this was not a new idea but it was a new event for the Recreation Department. He explained that at a "Lock-In" the kids arrive at the Recreation Center at 8:00 PM and they leave at 8:00 AM the next morning. He said they will have a variety of programs starting with a dance. He said they will have movies, games in the auditorium, game room tournaments and a lot of activities to keep them busy. He said the children would not be allowed to sleep and will be closely supervised and no one would be allowed to leave the building except in case of an emergency. Mr. Hanley asked who was going to supervise the "Lock-In?". Mr. Brown said he would be there along with Katie Gibson and some of the part time staff. Mr. Brown said the children would be from 6th grade up, but would be primarily 6th and 7th graders and a few 8th graders. He said he expected somewhere between 30 and 60 children to participate in the "Lock-In."

Mr. Hanley said his son had participated in "lock-Ins" and he felt one of the benefits of the Lock-In is that the children find out what its like to stay up all night and never asked to do it again.

Mr. Hanley said the next item on the agenda was the Proposed Tennis Tournament and since Mr. Helimi was not present that perhaps Mr. Bitzer or someone else could brief the Commission on the proposed Tennis Tournament. Mr. Bitzer said that Mr. Helimi had been very active in the Tennis and Volunteer Programs, and had expressed a desire to have a Tennis Pro Tournament at Seaview Park. Mr. Hay said there would be no cost to the Recreation Department. He said the plan was to schedule the Tournament sometime in January or February.

Mr. Kemble asked if it would be possible to have the Tournament for 2 days instead of 3. Mr. Hay said it would be very difficult.

Mr. Bitzer said they would work on the plans some more and bring it back before the Commission in January. Mr. Bitzer said he would welcome any suggestions or any other type of assistance which members of the Commission might be able to offer.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Mrs. Coniglio said she wanted to compliment Mr. Myers on the Father/Son Tournament. She said she was delighted that they had relaxed the rules and allowed a child to play with any adult, not just with a parent.

Mr. Broberg asked what was the usage of the tennis courts from 11 AM to 12 noon during the week? Mr. Hay said he didn't have any statistics and could only address what he has seen. He said that it seemed to be very quiet in that time period and that there was a big drop off in play after 10 AM.

Mr. Broberg said that the reason he brought up the matter was because of the Monday Clinic at Seaview Park. He said the day school students who don't play on the team have to wait until the team finishes their practice, and he didn't think it was fair to the kids who aren't on the team. He said all the kids on the team were in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades at the Day School, and he suggested that all the kids take their recess together at 11:00 AM and be allowed to practice during school hours. He said this would allow the Clinics access to all the Tennis courts after school.

Mr. Bitzer said that was a very good suggestion. He said that he and Mr. Hay had discussed many options and Mr. Hay had submitted a very comprehensive report to him which addresses a lot of the problems with the tennis courts. He said he would make the report available to the members of the Commission and he would talk to the people at the Day School.

Mr. Kemble said there was more involved here than the Day School. He said he didn't feel that they had a right to offer special privileges to the Day School students at a

Public Park which would not be offered to the other schools. Mr. Kemble said he thought the kids were in classes from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Mr. Broberg said they had recess. Mr. Kemble asked if the kids were actually free for an hour. Mr. Broberg said he thought they had Field Hockey or Soccer or some other activity. Mr. Broberg suggested that instead of them playing Field Hockey or whatever, that the members of the teams be pulled out of the other activities and be allowed to play tennis instead.

Mr. Kemble said there was an immediate problem in that the kids would not have a choice as to what sports they would be involved in. Mr. Broberg said it wouldn't involve a choice, if they tried out for the team and made it then they would go to practice.

Mr. Bitzer said there was no preferential treatment given to any of the schools. Mr. Kemble said he realized that, but he had spoken to Peggy Skinner and there seemed to be a feeling that you had to be part of the Clinic or you couldn't be on the school team.

Mr. Bitzer said he felt they needed to get more information and that would allow them to determine exactly what they should do. Mr. Hanley said this should also be coordinated with the new Tennis Pro.

Mr. Kemble asked Mr. Hay how many assistants did he have? Mr. Hay said there were about 8 people in all, and the days which they worked varied.

Mr. Broberg said he had one more observation which he wished to voice. He said it concerned the playing field at the Recreation Center. He said there were a number of things which needed to be done including weeding, feeding and mowing. Mr. Bitzer said he would speak to the Public Works Department which is the Department that is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds. He said he did know that they were waiting for a new mower which would improve the grass cutting. He said a sprayer had been approved to do the chemical spraying and they also had not received that. He said he felt that once they receive this new equipment that the field will be improved considerably. He said he would call the Public Works Department and try to find out what the status is on the new equipment.

Mr. Bitzer said as far as the hedge was concerned, the Public Works Department had received a request that the hedge be allowed to grow to a greater height and then be trimmed, and that was why the hedge had not been trimmed.

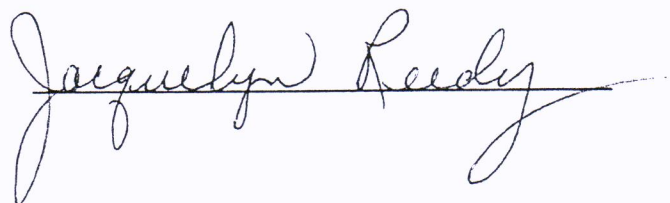
Mr. Kemble said he wished to go back to the Tennis briefly. He asked Mr. Bitzer what was the status of the drainage problem? Mr. Bitzer said that the Town Engineer and Bill Esser inspected the drain and they had received a prior proposal but were now waiting for additional proposals for the options. He said the problem would be corrected as soon as possible. Mr. Bitzer said he felt the work should be completed within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Mr. Russell asked who was the Contractor? Mr. Bitzer said Bill Esser of Tennis Supply, Inc. He said they had used him several times in the past 15 years. Mr. Russell asked what was the cost? Mr. Bitzer said he did not have those figures with him at the present time, but it probably would be about \$2,000 dollars. Mr. Russell said it was his understanding that this was a temporary job and wanted to know if there would be additional costs in the future. He asked why the drain couldn't be fixed now and be done with it.

Mr. Bitzer said that when they do the regrading the entire pitch of the courts will be changed. However, after the regrading is completed they will be able to set the drainage pipe in concrete which will make the repair permanent. Mr. Russell asked when the regrading was to be done? Mr. Bitzer said he wasn't sure if it was proposed for 1992 or 93. He said the only difference in temporary installation and permanent installation of the drain is whether it is set in concrete or sand.

Mr. Russell said he would like to see the drainage work completed as soon as possible.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business motion was made by Mrs. Coniglio to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Myers, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacquelyn Reedy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.