

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

NOVEMBER 29, 1995

- I. CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Larry Ochstein at 1:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach Recreation Center.

II. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE RECORDING

The Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Shor, Mr. Gavigan, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Drake, Mrs. Coniglio and Mr. Turchan. Alternate members in attendance were Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Katzenberg and Mrs. Fisher. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich and Mr. Brown.

- A. Classification of September Absence for Ms. Coniglio - Mr. Ochstein said that Mrs. Coniglio's absence was excused.
- B. Classification of September Absence for Mr. Turchan - Mr. Ochstein said that Mr. Turchan's absence was excused.
- C. Classification of September Absence for Mrs. Fisher - Mr. Ochstein said that Mrs. Fisher's absence was excused.
- D. Classification of September Absence for Mr. Katzenberg - Mr. Ochstein said that Mr. Katzenberg's absence was excused.

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Mrs. Coniglio made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Katzenberg, motion carried.

- IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 1995, MINUTES Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any changes to the September 27, 1995, Seaview Park Commission minutes, there were none. Mr. Gavigan made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, motion carried.

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V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Seaview Park Tree Project Loan Extension Request

Mr. Ochstein said that he had received a letter from the Town Council approving the request for a six month extension on the Tree Project loan. He said that we now owe \$1,500.00 that will be due April 1, 1996.

B. Baseball Field Maintenance

Mr. Brown said that at this time staff was still compiling figures. He said that currently we have the figures for equipment, supplies and man hours. Mr. Brown said that he was waiting on figures from the public works department regarding the work that is done now by Town staff. Mr. Katzenberg asked "What is the arrangement right now with the school?" Mr. Brown said that right now we maintain the outfield and they maintain the infield, but the infield was not being maintained properly.

Mr. Katzenberg asked that after the discussion with the school, what happens if they refuse to help. Mr. Bitzer said that the Town may have to take over maintenance of the field.

Mr. Gavigan reminded Mr. Brown not to forget about the use of the gymnasium. Mr. Brown said that he would speak with the principal again about use of the gym. Mr. Turchan said that for all intensive purposes, the school is not using the gym because they have no afterschool sports. Mr. Brown said that the school did get the middle school grant and have an average of about 60 middle school kids attend it on a daily basis. He said that they are using it at least 2 days a week, but we could possibly arrange to use it on the days when it is not being used by the school. Mr. Turchan asked if the gymnasium was well lit in case we wanted to use it in the early evenings. Mr. Brown said "Yes."

Mr. Katzenberg made the recommendation that the Town take over the maintenance of the baseball field. Mr. Gavigan said that the whole baseball field is a disgrace. He said that the dugout water fountain is on its side with no water to the dugout, the hedges are overgrown and the dugout fencing is in need of repair.

Mrs. Bernard asked, "If Town staff is spending all this time and money to maintain the baseball field, wouldn't there be a problem with it being used for recess and other activities?" Mr. Brown said that the only problem area would be the mound. However, there would be daily maintenance anyway and didn't foresee a problem. Mr. Katzenberg said that even if the school says they are going to maintain the field, they are not going to maintain it to the quality that we would. He said that the Town needed to take care of it since it's our kids that are using it in the afternoons.

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Mr. Gavigan made a motion that in the event it is not approved in January by the School Board to better maintain the athletic field, then the Town would take over the maintenance of the field, seconded by Mr. Turchan. Motion passes by majority, the vote being 6 for and 1 against.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Palm Beach Par 3 Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament

Mr. Dytrych said that on February 14, 1996, the 12th Annual Palm Beach Par 3 Pro-Am Benefit would take place. He said the beneficiaries of the tournament this year would be the Recreation Department and the Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults. Mr. Dytrych said that last year the tournament raised \$20,000 and this year we would like to raise more. He said that where they could use help from the Seaview Park Commission was in the form of selling spectator tickets and getting hole sponsors. Mr. Dytrych said that to sponsor a hole is \$500.00, ½ a hole is \$250.00, to play in the tournament is \$250.00 and spectator tickets are \$10.00. Mr. Ochstein said that last year this commission sold a few holes and bought a hole. Mr. Katzenberg made the motion that the Seaview Park Commission purchase a hole for \$500.00, seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, all were in favor.

Mr. Ochstein asked Mr. Dytrych to please let the Golf Commission know that the Seaview Park Commissioner's are more than willing to help with this year's tournament. Mr. Dytrych said that he would deliver spectator tickets to Mrs. Walkowich along with posters to distribute to the Seaview Park Commission. Mrs. Bernard asked who should they send their checks to for the hole sponsor. Mrs. Walkowich said that they could make the checks out to the Palm Beach Pro-Am Benefit and send them to her.

B. Recreation Program Report

Mr. Bitzer said that our youth programs presently have 21 programs with 228 participants, an 8% increase over last year. He said that 70% of the classes are filled and the afterschool has a monthly average of 48 children in attendance. Mr. Bitzer said that in our adult programs we presently have 16 classes as compared to 12 last year with 115 participants enrolled in this year's classes.

Mr. Bitzer said that this year's Halloween special event was a huge success. Casper's Friendly Castle, held in the afternoon for younger children, had approximately 85 children and 125 adults participate. All the children went home with prizes. The Creepy Carnival, held that evening, had over 200 people attend. Staff received many compliments on both of these special events.

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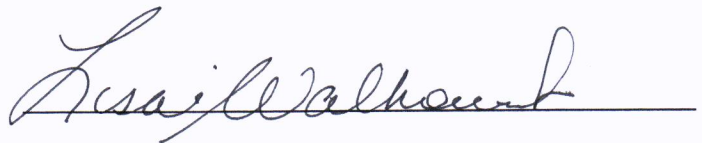
Mr. Brown said that approximately 54 children participated in flag football this season and currently we have 152 participants in our soccer program. He said that next fall staff was looking at running a roller hockey program using the basketball court as a rink. Mr. Turchan said that the basketball court was too small to use as a hockey rink. Mrs. Coniglio asked if the size of the basketball court could be increased. Mr. Brown said that he was currently looking into this matter.

Mr. Bitzer said that 22 of our juniors will soon be participating in a USTA league. He said that Seaview will have four teams on three levels with home matches on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The league is expected to run through February. He said that we recently hosted a North County Tennis Association singles tournament with 60 participants.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Drake said that she recently heard that a new commission was formed, a Shore Commission and she felt that maybe someone from the Seaview Park Commission should sit on that committee. Mr. Ochstein said, "That goes back to the question I've asked the last couple of years, the mission of the Seaview Park Commission according to the ordinance is to watch over all the parks in the Town. All the parks would include the beaches, all the small parks around the Town and the golf course." Mr. Ochstein said that he personally felt that this commission should be the Town's Park Board and merge the Golf Commission and the Seaview Park Commission into one. Mr. Katzenberg said that maybe we need to ask the Town Council to address this. Mr. Shor said "Why should they address it when all the members have been chosen for the shore committee." Mr. Ochstein said "It's just one more commission, we have a Golf Commission, a Seaview Commission, now we have a Beach Commission and really there should be one parks board to handle all of this. Mrs. Drake said that at the very least there should be representation from this commission on the Beach Commission. Mrs. Morris said that it was her understanding that what was charged to the Shore Commission was beach restoration not beach use and activity, and any one of us can attend their public meetings. Mr. Katzenberg made the motion that now that there is a beach that all Recreation uses of the beach should fall under this commission, seconded by Mrs. Drake, all were in favor.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Ochstein at 2:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa J. Walhout", is written over a horizontal line.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD FY-96

MEMBERS	11/95	1/96	3/96	5/96	9/96
1. GAIL CONIGLIO	P				
2. ANN DRAKE	P				
3. JAMES GAVIGAN	P				
4. EILEEN MORRIS	P				
5. LARRY OCHSTEIN	P				
6. MORTON SHOR	P				
7. THOMAS TURCHAN	P				
ALTERNATES					
1. FRANCINE BERNARD	P				
2. RENEE FISHER	P				
3. MARC KATZENBERG	P				

LEGEND: P = Present
 E = Excused
 U = Unexcused
 A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD FY-96

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1. FRANCINE BERNARD					
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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest