



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

SEPTEMBER 28, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Larry Ochstein, at 1:00 p.m. on September 28, 1994, at the Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Gavigan, and Mrs. Mullens. Alternate members in attendance were Ms. Drake and Mrs. Morris. Absent from the meeting were; Mrs. Leidy, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Lubow, Mr. Shor and Mrs. McLendon. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Mr. Hay and Ms. Rockwell.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Motion made by Mrs. Mullens to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gavigan, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, and MAY 25, 1994, MINUTES Mr. Ochstein asked the Commission for a motion to approve the April 27th and May 25th minutes. Mr. Gavigan made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Mullens, motion carried.

IV. ATTENDANCE RECORDING Mrs. Walkowich told the chairman that there were no absence pending.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Project Loan - Mr. Ochstein

Mr. Ochstein told the Commission that the final cost of the tree project was \$27,000, which made the Commission responsible for half or \$13,500 and that the loan was due October of 1995. He said that he had spoken with Mr. Bitzer and they had come up with the idea of an adopt a tree plaque. Possibly with gold and silver colored name plates to signify the difference in donation amounts. Mr. Ochstein felt that the donation amounts should be \$1,000 and \$500.

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Mrs. Mullens said that if we made the donation amounts lower we might get more people interested. Mr. Ochstein said that maybe we could just list anyone who donates on the plaque. Mr. Bitzer said that the Commission might want to set some levels because you could have someone who donates \$10.00 on the plaque with someone who donates \$1,000. Mrs. Mullens suggested that the plaque have a tree motif, a branch for \$500.00, a leaf for \$100.00.

Mr. Bitzer said that in the future there were plans of getting additional trees for the park particularly near the athletic field. He said that he would have staff do some figures on additional trees and incorporate the cost of additional trees and the loan amount into one figure in order to finish the whole tree project. He said that if the Commission was considering \$1,000 and \$500 as donation amounts, staff could come up with an approximate number of donors needed to complete the whole tree project. He asked the Commission for their input on that idea. Mr. Ochstein said that he felt that we needed a couple of plaques, one for major donors and one for small donations, and then you could add names to those plaques indefinitely. He said that it could be left open ended instead of finite at \$13,500. Mr. Bitzer said that the need for tree donations was limited as the park could only accommodate so many trees.

Ms. Drake asked how we would get information out to the public about the fundraising for trees. Mr. Ochstein said that originally it was going to be one on one fundraising. He suggested that notices be posted in the Recreation Center and Pro Shop, as well as the information being listed in the brochure that the staff sends out. Mrs. Morris asked if there was an opportunity to take photographs of various teams and classes and instead of a plaque, the picture would represent the donation. She felt that it was easier to go to a group for a donation instead of individuals. Mr. Bitzer said that he was sure there were groups that could be contacted and they could get their group's name on the plaque. Mr. Ochstein said that he had spoken with the Garden Club and the Commission had missed the deadline for this year. He asked Ms. Drake, since she knew several people in the club, to talk with them about a possible donation.

Mr. Bitzer said that Staff would come up with some ideas about the plaque and bring it to the next meeting.

Mr. Ochstein said that he wanted to recognize Mrs. Mullens for her donation of \$300.00 towards the teen program. Mrs. Mullens thanked him.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Founder's Day Fundraising Event

Mr. Bitzer said that staff had come up with some preliminary ideas regarding a Founder's Day Fundraising Event that would be held in April, possibly in conjunction with the Spring Celebration Event. He said that the idea was to do something similar to the past Fourth of July event, with bands, games and food; an old fashion town picnic.

Mr. Bitzer said that the idea originated with a Friends of Recreation donation program, which has been successful in other communities. He said that this picnic would be a way to recognize these donors and enlist more people to join the donation program.

Mrs. Mullens asked if there was date set for the event. Mr. Bitzer said that we were looking at April 16, 1995, as a possible date. Ms. Rockwell said that it fell after the Easter/Passover weekend and after the school spring break. She said that they had ideas of making this into a sort of fair.

Mr. Ochstein said that we might want to avoid holding the event on a Saturday, because in Town we now have two Orthodox Jewish groups. Mrs. Mullens said that we would then have to avoid having it on Sunday also. She said that the Orthodox Jewish community consisted of a small amount of people and that they were not going to come to this picnic and eat the food because it was not kosher. Mr. Ochstein said that we can't talk that majority wins because then the orthodox will always loose. Mrs. Mullens said that this could be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Bitzer said that staff would refine the ideas that were discussed, such as committees needed and specifics and bring it back to the next meeting.

2. Playground Equipment Renovation Project

Mr. Bitzer told the Commission that originally this project was to be completed prior to the start of school, however, due to some setbacks and bad weather, the anticipated completion date has been rescheduled for October 17th. Mr. Bitzer said that the playground renovation was required because of the American's with Disabilities Act and was federally mandated. He said that the current playground and equipment did not comply with accessibility regulations.

3. Program Update

Mr. Hay told the Commission that the summer tennis program went well, with approximately 120 children a week in the program. He said that for the fall program there was a good turnout with the juniors, including more older children. Mr. Hay said that we had three ladies teams this year, an A-3, B-2 and C team. He told the Commission that in the past, round robins had been offered for adults in the mornings and evenings and they never seemed to take off, so this year the weekly round robin was being discontinued and they were going to try a monthly round robin tournament. Mr. Hay said that we had an NCTA Doubles tournament the week before Thanksgiving scheduled and that a decent turnout was expected.

Mr. Hay told the Commission that the Palm Beach Tennis Association had donated two ball machines for use by the Juniors totalling a donation dollar amount of approximately \$3,300.

Mr. Hay said that the last item he wanted to mention was that Karen Hines, who had been with Seaview for the past couple of years as an assistant pro, had decided to move on and resigned from her position. He said that she helped organize and run the children's programs and would be missed. Mr. Hay said that Skip Jackson was hired as her replacement and that he had a great record in playing and teaching. He said that Mr. Jackson has taught for approximately 10 years and currently coaches Michele Jackson who is 100 in the world. Mr. Hay said that Mr. Jackson will be coaching some of the teams as well as helping with the children's program and felt that he was a great addition to the tennis staff.

Mr. Bitzer said that he wanted to bring up one point regarding the ladies teams. He told the Commission that in the past we have had as many as four teams here at Seaview and that last year it had dropped down to two. Mr. Bitzer wanted the Commission to be aware that with the addition of a third team this year, there would probably be an increase of competing demands and that they may hear some controversy over tennis scheduling. He said that tennis court scheduling was part of the day to day operations of the Department and that staff would finalize schedules in a manner that was as fair and equitable as possible. Mr. Bitzer said that it may be better if the Commission did not get involved in tennis court scheduling since there are Commission members that are involved with these two interest groups and that there might be the perception of a conflict of interest. Mr. Bitzer said that he had approved some tennis schedules on a temporary basis until such time as it gets busy during the season. He said that if we experience any problems, we will get the players together from the different groups and hopefully, amicably resolve any problems.

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Mr. Ochstein asked about the night use of the courts with the addition of lighted courts. Mr. Bitzer said that it seems like that there is more and more evening play and the advanced junior program had experienced significant growth. He said that this program now goes until 6:00 p.m., because so many of the older children get out of school later. Mr. Bitzer said that this program would not have been possible in the past without lights.

Mrs. Morris asked if there was any reaction to the permit fee increases. Mr. Bitzer said that the permits don't go on sale until October 1st so we would have to wait and see.

Mr. Gavigan asked about the teen activities and if the group was growing. Mr. Bitzer said that the upcoming teen activities were listed in the Fall brochure. He said that there had not been a significant change in the numbers in this group since the last time this was discussed. He said that there were a few events that are held that are extremely popular, but other than that, it was pretty much a small group.

Mr. Ochstein asked if there was anything else regarding program updates. Ms. Rockwell said that the after school program was in full swing and this year, because of demand, kindergarten age children were added to the program. She said that summer camp went very well, with approximately 90 children every week, which was a 14% increase over last year.

Ms. Rockwell said that Alan Brown offered a sports camp this past summer, which was held the last two weeks in August with approximately 28 children enrolled each week.

Ms. Rockwell said that the annual Halloween event was coming up and the theme this year was the Depths of Doom. She told the Commission that we were looking for volunteers to help out.

Mrs. Mullens asked how many people usually attend the Haunted House. Ms. Rockwell said approximately 500 people. Mrs. Mullens asked if we had ever thought of charging a nominal fee. Ms. Rockwell said yes, that this year we were going to charge \$1.00 to go through the haunted house, to help recover some of the expenses.

4. 1995 Seaview Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Mr. Ochstein asked the Commission if they had any changes to the meeting schedule that was before them. There were none. Mr. Gavigan made the motion that the schedule be approved, seconded by Mrs. Mullens, all were in favor, motion carried.

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VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Ochstein said that he had received a letter regarding authorized and unauthorized absences from Commission meetings. He said the ordinance stated that excused absences were for illness or personal hardship and if a member has three absences in a calendar year then that member would be removed from the Commission. Mrs. Mullens asked what constituted a personal hardship. Mr. Ochstein said that he needed to contact Mr. Randolph, Town Attorney, to get a definition of a personal hardship.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Lisa Walther", is written over a horizontal line.

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MEMBERS	1/94	2/94	3/94	4/94	5/94	6/94	7/94	8/94	9/94	10/94	11/94	12/94
1. LIZA LEIDY												
2. RALPH LUBOW												
3. JOYCE MCLENDON												
4. SARA MULLENS												
5. LARRY OCHSTEIN												
6. MORTON SHOR												
7. JAMES GAVIGAN												
ALTERNATES												
1. FRANCINE BERNARD												
2. ANN DRAKE												
3. EILEEN MORRIS												

LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest

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MEMBERS	1/94	2/94	3/94	4/94	5/94	6/94	7/94	8/94	9/94	10/94	11/94	12/94
1. LIZA LEIDY	E	P	E	E	E	C	C	C	A	C		
2. RALPH LUBOW	P	P	P	P	E	C	C	C	A	C		
3. JOYCE MCLENDON	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	A	C		
4. SARA MULLENS	E	P	E	P	P	C	C	C	P	C		
5. LARRY OCHSTEIN	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	C		
6. MORTON SHOR	P	P	E	P	P	C	C	C	E	C		
7. JAMES GAVIGAN	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	C		
ALTERNATES												
1. FRANCINE BERNARD	P	E	E	E	E	C	C	C	A	C		
2. ANN DRAKE				P	P	C	C	C	P	C		
3. EILEEN MORRIS				P	E	C	C	C	P	C		

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