



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

JUNE 23, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Broberg at 1:20 p.m. on June 23, 1993, in the Recreation Center. Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Broberg, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Shor. and Mrs. Leidy. Commission members absent were Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Lubow. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Hay, Mrs. Walkowich. Ms. Gibson and Mr. Brown attended the meeting later.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 1993, MINUTES: Mr. Broberg asked if there were any changes to the May minutes, there were none. Motion made by Mr. Ochstein to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Leidy, motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY-94 Proposed Budget Update - Mr. Bitzer

A. Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Bitzer advised the Commission that the landscape improvement project for Seaview Park was mentioned at the Finance and Taxation Committee Meeting and that one member of the Committee felt that if there needed to be cuts in the Capital Improvement Program, the landscape project seemed to be one of the least essential items.

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Mr. Ochstein made the motion that the Seaview Park Commission take the responsibility to raise half the money for this project, if the Town would grant a loan like the one that was done for the Pro Shop. Seconded by Mrs. Leidy, motion carried unanimously.

B. Other expenditures

Mr. Bitzer stated that at last month's Commission meeting, Mrs. Anne Drake mentioned that when she turned on the shower there was no hot water. Mr. Bitzer explained that he had reviewed the problem and it had been determined that a hot water circulation pump with a cost of approximately \$1,000 would need to be installed in order for the showers to have immediate hot water.

Mr. Bitzer said that he had tested the water and that it took approximately 2 minutes for the water to get hot. Mr. Bitzer felt that if someone using the showers ran the water while getting undressed, the water would be hot by the time they were ready for their shower. He felt that this item was an unnecessary expenditure, the Commission agreed.

Mr. Bitzer stated that Mrs. Drake also had suggested that the Recreation Department provide a parking decal that could be purchased for the Royal Palm Parking lot, rather than residents having to put quarters into the meters. He stated that he had been reviewing this request and that he had spoken with the Police Chief, who had expressed several concerns regarding this type of parking arrangement. He suggested that Mr. Bitzer discuss this matter with the Town Attorney who was out of town for the next three weeks. He said that once he had more information, he would bring this item back to the Commission for their review.

C. Non-Ad Valorem Revenue - User Fees

Mr. Bitzer advised the Commission that the Finance and Taxation Committee had reviewed the user fees and had recommended slight increases above what the Seaview Park Commission had recommended in some categories. Mr. Bitzer reviewed these fee increases with the Commission. Mrs. Leidy stated that she thought that the annual facility user card for grades 6 and up was an excellent idea.

Mr. Bitzer asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the proposed FY-94 budget. There were none.

2. Tennis Court Scheduling Update

Mr. Bitzer stated that after thoroughly reviewing this matter, taking into account the comments and opinions of residents both pro and con, in addition to comments from the tennis pro-manager and the Seaview Park Commission, there seemed to be two primary issues regarding this matter: 1. The amount of time allotted for each unit of reserved court time for open play, and 2. The Morning Mixed Doubles Group scheduling procedure.

Mr. Bitzer said that the tennis staff is currently in the process of collecting statistics regarding court usage, and when this information was ready, he would forward it to the Commission. If the Commission deemed it necessary, a special meeting could be called or this item could be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting in September. Mr. Bitzer said that with this information in hand, we should be able to make an informed decision so as not to experience a loss in revenue or cause some players to be displaced.

Mr. Bitzer stated that in regards to the Morning Mixed Doubles Group, he had made an administrative decision, that the scheduling arrangement whereby courts are set aside five days a week and booked through a volunteer should not be continued next season.

Mr. Bitzer felt that the courts should be booked for open play on a first come first serve basis through the tennis shop and that it was not fair and equitable or in the best interest of the Town to have one reservation system for one group and another reservation system for everyone else. He felt that there were good intentions when this group scheduling started, but that the group had grown and the demand for more time and courts has also grown.

Mr. Bitzer stated that it was not the Town's intention to disband or discourage this group, only to revise the scheduling to ensure fairness and equity for all residents. He said that there were other scheduling options. He said that some of the members of this group may be interested in forming a team and participating in a competitive league or they could be scheduled like our other programs where a participant would meet one day a week. However, if the participants in this group wished to continue to have a volunteer arrange their games, there would be nothing wrong with this, provided that one person from each doubles group calls into the tennis shop and reserves a court on a first come first serve

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basis. This way, the group could continue pretty much as they are doing, but the Town would be protected with regard to our procedures being fair and equitable for everyone.

Mr. Ochstein felt that this would create more work for the tennis staff with four times the amount of phone calls coming in. Mr. Bitzer said that this may be the price we have to pay to ensure fairness and equity. However, he said we should also keep in mind the fact that for fifteen years, prior to this group having courts set aside for them, the tennis staff processed all court reservations through the shop on a first come first serve basis. The tennis staff did not have any difficulty in handling these phone calls.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer Youth Camp Update

The Commission complemented Mr. Bitzer and the staff on the summer camp brochure. Mr. Bitzer stated that the summer camp was going very well with 85 children presently enrolled with a ratio of 80% residents and 20% non-residents.

Ms. Gibson explained that the camp runs for eight weeks for ages 4 to 12. The 4 to 5 year old group meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and the 6 to 12 year old groups meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with extended camp from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. She explained that within the program we offer special events, arts and crafts, sporting events, swimming and field trips. On field trip days the children are transported by buses that we borrow from the Palm Beach Day School.

Mrs. Leidy asked if we took children older than 12 years. Ms. Gibson explained that at age 13 we offer a program called Leader-in-Training where the children volunteer their time assisting the counselors and in return get to go on field trips and participate in some of the activities.

Mrs. Leidy asked if the Recreation Staff had any evening programs scheduled over the summer for the teens. Mr. Broberg suggested movies or dances and asked if there was any money for a D.J. if we were to hold a summer dance. Mr. Brown explained that currently there was approximately \$300 - \$400 in the teen account. He explained that the activities that have not been well attended this year have been the gameroom or tournament nights, dances, and pizza movie nights. The events that got the biggest draw this year

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were the lock-in and teen field trips. He explained that during the summer there are so few of the Day School children in town, and since there is no way for staff to get in touch with the Public School children, consequently special teen events don't do well during the summer months. Mrs. Leidy agreed that during July most of the children are out of town but suggested that an event be held during August. Mr. Broberg suggested a back to school dance. Mr. Brown said that we usually hold the back to school dance when both schools are back in session. This is in early September when it's easier to announce this event by having flyers posted and handed out to the children at school.

Mr. Broberg suggested that Mr. Brown should try to get the class officers from each of the schools to participate on the Teen Association Board in the hopes of getting more of the children involved. Mr. Brown felt that this was a good idea and that he would follow up on Mr. Broberg's suggestion.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Ochstein made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Broberg.

Lisa Walkowich