

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

APRIL 27, 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 1:02 p.m. on April 27, 1994, at the Recreation Center. Roll was called by Mrs. Walkowich. The Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Ochstein, Mrs. McLendon, Mr. Lubow, Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Shor and Mrs. Mullens. Alternate members in attendance were Mrs. Morris and Ms. Drake. Absent from the meeting were; Mrs. Leidy and Mrs. Bernard. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Miss Gibson, Miss Rockwell, Mr. Hay and Mr. Brown.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 1994, MINUTES Mr. Ochstein asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 1994, meeting. Motion made by Mr. Lubow to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. McLendon, motion carried.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Kid's Corner Update

Ms. Gibson thanked everyone involved for the donations she received for the Kid's Corner. She explained that they were able to get the cushion chairs and carpeting for less than was expected, so there was \$164.00 left over for books and puzzles. She passed around some pictures and told the commission that it was a very popular area and was being well used.

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Mr. Ochstein stated that Mr. Bitzer was going to look up the other parks that were in the Town, he said that he wasn't sure what the Commission's responsibilities were, but according to the ordinance it said the Commission makes studies and recommendations relating to parks playgrounds, recreational facilities and recreation programs. He felt that it sounded like it included everything, beaches, golf courses etc. He said he would like Mr. Bitzer to continue his search and find out exactly what they were supposed to be in charge of. Mr. Bitzer said he would. However, he said that the golf course would not be applicable to them as we have a Golf Commission

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Quarterly Program Report

Mr. Bitzer said that the program supervisors would be attending the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions regarding programs at Seaview Park. He said that the Commissioners were all given a program update which summarized some of the items that were going to be discussed. Mr. Bitzer said that Ms. Gibson would be going first and told the Commission that her primary responsibilities were the after school program, holiday camps and summer camps, in addition to other duties.

Ms. Gibson said that the after school program was going well, as usual, and that this year more teens were involved. She said that the Fun Days that are offered have really grown and are very popular; these are one day camps that are held when the Day School and Public School are out of session for one day which are usually holidays or teacher planning days. She explained that the biggest fun day so far, had an enrollment of 25 children.

Ms. Gibson said that Spring Break Camp was a great success with registration being higher this year because of the use of a Day School Bus. She told the Commission that Summer Camp was coming up and that we were adding swimming lessons through the YWCA in West Palm Beach and a Cultural Arts and Sports Camp.

Mrs. Mullens asked if it would be beneficial to run something in June when the day school was out. Ms. Gibson said that enrollment tends to be low because a lot of people go out of town and she said that she has not had a lot of demand for starting camp earlier. Mrs. McLendon asked, "What age groups did the camp encompass?" Ms. Gibson said, "Ages 6-12 for the full day camp, cultural arts and sports camp and ages 4 & 5 for our half day camp."

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Mr. Bitzer said that the program fees pay for the total cost of running this program, including summer staff, field trips and supplies.

Ms. Morris asked if we were getting a good response for leaders in training. Ms. Gibson said that we always get quite a few. She explained that last year the Recreation Center started a new program as an incentive. She explained that we eliminated a higher paying Recreation Leader position and replaced it with a Junior Counselor position which pays minimum wage. She said that to be considered for the position the youth needs to have been an LIT for two years, and this was the next stepping stone to becoming a regular summer camp counselor.

Mr. Bitzer said that the next person to speak would be Leah Rockwell who's primary responsibilities were special interest programs and special events, as well as other Town required projects.

Ms. Rockwell said that the afternoon hours from 3:00-5:30 are usurped by the children's classes and this past fall 20 classes were held with approximately 180 children enrolled, the winter session had 17 classes with approximately 150 children enrolled, and presently 18 classes were being held with 142 children enrolled. Ms. Rockwell explained that in the spring the number of children tend to decrease because of the success of our soccer and t-ball programs. She said that some of the classes offered are Arts & Crafts for 3 - 6 years old, Pottery and an Advanced Art Class, Karate, Tap Dancing, Tumbling, Jazz and Ballet Dancing, Nature Crafts and Cooking up A story.

Ms. Rockwell said that during the day and evening, the center offers a variety of Adult classes. This past fall, 18 classes were held with 100 participants in the winter, 17 classes were held with 120 participants and presently, we have 16 classes with 142 participants. She explained that the adult classes draw in a large number of senior citizens; an example of this was the Tap Dancing class. She said that this was a very popular class offering 5 different levels of instruction and the majority of these participants are seniors. She told the Commission that we were offering a new Step Aerobics class with Joy Prouty as the instructor and that we also have a regular Aerobics class. She said that we offer literary and play writing discussion groups as well as Karate, Tai Chi, Yoga, Photography, Painting, and French lessons in 4 different levels of instruction.

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Ms. Rockwell said that the Spring Celebration and Holiday Chocolate Chase was a great success with 115 children and 95 adults in attendance.

Mr. Bitzer introduced Mr. Hay, Tennis Pro-Manager, and told the Commission that Mr. Hay was responsible for the management of the tennis division and it's programs.

Mr. Hay stated that the courts have been very busy this year, especially in the morning and early evening hours. He said that this year there are two ladies teams with 36 women in the program and because of renewed interest, it looked like a third team was going to be added next season. Mr. Hay stated that the Town held two Adult Doubles Tournaments this past year and the Town Singles Championship was just held with a great turnout. Mr. Hay said that the adult clinics have also been very popular meeting twice during week nights and on Saturday morning.

Mr. Hay explained that the Town offers 4 levels of Junior Clinics, with over 100 students enrolled during this past school year. He said that this summer he was offering clinics for ages 4 through 6 and grades 1st through 3rd. These clinics run for 1 hour prior to the regular camp. He explained that this year, through combined efforts with the golf course, he was offering a new program for grades 4 and up. Mr. Hay explained that this program consisted of a tennis clinic in the morning, swimming during mid-day and a golf clinic in the afternoon. He said that this was the first time the Town was trying something like this and he hoped it would be a big success.

Mr. Bitzer explained that Alan Brown was the Supervisor in charge of the Athletic Programs and Teen Programs as well as the outdoor maintenance and other related duties. Mr. Brown stated that the sports program consisted of flag football in the fall followed by soccer and then t-ball and basketball. He said that there was a 35% increase in participation this year, with 65 children participating in two age divisions of flag football; 165 children in three age divisions of soccer; and presently there are 49 children participating in t-ball and 24 participants in basketball. Mr. Brown explained that this summer we were offering a new multi sports camp for two weeks in August.

Mr. Shor stated that he felt this would be a good time to bring up the letter that Mr. Broberg had sent regarding the condition of the athletic field. Mr. Brown stated that the public works department was back on a spraying schedule for weeds and that the annual resodding of the field would take place this summer.

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Mr. Gavigan asked "What were the ages of the basketball participants?" Mr. Brown said that there were two divisions, 2nd and 3rd graders in the first division and 4th - 6th grade in the second division. He explained that they were not able to break the groups up into teams because of the low enrollment but that the program stressed fundamentals and techniques of the sport.

Mr. Gavigan said that there was a large group of children coming out of 5th and 6th grade that we might be able to get if we had a travelling team or if we could change the time of year basketball was offered. Mrs. Mullens said that there are a lot of talented basketball players but they don't sign up because it conflicts with baseball. Mr. Brown said that he was not aware of any league play for basketball but that he would look into the request.

2. Teen Program

Mr. Brown stated that we offer several programs for the teens in town. He said that there is an annual teen activity card that allows the child to come to the recreation center during the after school program and utilize the facility and check out equipment. He said that what staff has found is that the teens want more free time and less of a structured atmosphere, with possibly a few activities scheduled during the month.

Mr. Brown explained that there was also a Teen Association where activities are set up for them, usually on Friday nights. He said that so far this year 8 activities were held with a total of 27 participants. Mr. Brown said that our major event that always gets a great turnout is the Lock-In and that it was going to take place on May 6, 1994. Last year there were 62 participants and this year we anticipate about the same. He explained that the program runs from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning, it usually starts with a dance, and then a pizza party, movies, gameroom tournaments and a field trip to Don Carter's Bowling. Mrs. Mullens said that she would like to make a contribution so that a Disc Jockey could be hired for the event. Mr. Brown thanked Mrs. Mullens for her offer and told her that it would cost about \$300.00.

Mr. Ochstein said that he would like Mr. Bitzer to convey the Commission's thanks to his staff for the wonderful jobs that they do.

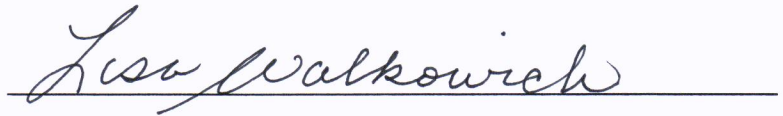
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VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any other matters to be discussed. Mr. Bitzer said that he wanted to remind the Commission that the landscape project was going to take place this summer and that the outstanding loan of \$15,000 was due in October of 1995. He explained that at previous meetings, goals and objectives of the Commission had been discussed and one of the possible goals was to do an annual fundraising event. Mr. Bitzer said that he had a meeting with Mrs. McLendon before the Commission meeting and it was suggested that the Staff put together a list of items that might be needed and different ideas for possible fundraising events. He said he would try to have something for the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Lubow to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Shor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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

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1. LIZA LEIDY	E	P	E	A								
2. RALPH LUBOW	P	P	P	P								
3. JOYCE MCLENDON	P	P	P	P								
4. SARA MULLENS	E	P	E	P								
5. LARRY OCHSTEIN	P	P	P	P								
6. MORTON SHOR	P	P	E	P								
7. JAMES GAVIGAN	P	P	P	P								
ALTERNATES												
1. FRANCINE BERNARD	P	E	E	E								
2. ANN DRAKE				P								
3. EILEEN MORRIS				P								

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

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest