



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

JANUARY 22, 1997

- I. CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Larry Ochstein at 1:05 p.m. at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were, Ms. Drake, Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Ochstein, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Turchan, Mrs. Coniglio and Mr. Shor. The alternate member in attendance was Mrs. Fisher. Absent from the meeting was alternate member Mr. Katzenberg. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Ms. Rockwell, Mr. Brown and Mr. Hay.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Mr. Shor made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gavigan, motion carried.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 1996, MINUTES Mr. Ochstein asked if there were any changes to the November 20, 1996, minutes, there were none. Mrs. Drake made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Shor, motion carried.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. *FY-97 Seaview Park Renovation Projects*

Mr. Bitzer stated that there were four projects slated for this fiscal year. 1. The tennis seating area project which was completed. 2. The recreation center bathroom renovation which was slated to start in a few days. 3. The dugout project which will take place towards the end of the school year. Pictures were passed out to show the type of dugout that would be installed, and 4. The baseball field renovation which is going to need more funding than was originally anticipated. He said that this project will be reviewed again during the FY-98 budget process. In the meantime the existing clay field will be properly treated and be ready for play for this year's baseball season.

B. *Update - Royal Palm Parking Lot - Safety Concerns*

Mr. Bitzer stated that Mr. Thompson, Headmaster at the Day School, has been very cooperative in helping to alleviate potential safety problems in the Royal Palm Parking lot. He said that Mr. Thompson addressed the issue in a letter he sent home to Day School parents requesting that they not pick up their children, who are being left unattended, in the Royal Palm Parking Lot. A copy of this article is attached.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Fall/Winter Program Update* - This report is attached

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Hay stated that Mr. Wilson, Recreation Maintenance Worker had retired after twenty three years of service and Mr. John Logan, who is coming from the public works department will be replacing Mr. Wilson and starting in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Bitzer stated that Mr. Ochstein's term was expiring and this was his last meeting. He said that Mr. Ochstein did a great job and was very instrumental in helping to secure funding for the tennis court lights and resurfacing, the tot lot, tree project, tennis seating area as well as funding for various special events. Mr. Bitzer thanked Mr. Ochstein for all his help and stated that Mr. Ochstein's service would be recognized at the February 11, 1997, Town Council Meeting.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Ochstein at 1:45 p.m.

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

Seaview Park Commission Meeting
January 22, 1997
Fall /Winter Program UpDate

Athletic Programs

Fall Session...

Itty Bitty Soccer had a full enrollment of 20 - 4 & 5 year olds which ran for 8 weeks.

Flag Football had an excellent turnout with 47 players in grades 1 - 6. They learned the basic skills of throwing, passing, running and scoring while having fun.

Roller Hockey is the newest addition to our line-up, played on the outdoor basketball court with foam "Border Patrol" hockey boards used to form a rink. There were 2 age groups playing on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with a combined enrollment of 34 children.

Winter Session...

Soccer is underway with 165 participants in 4 age groups. A record number again this year.

Division A -Kindergartners has 25 enrolled.

Division B - 1st & 2nd graders has 54 enrolled.

Division C - 3rd & 4th graders has 42 enrolled.

Division D - 5th - 7th graders has 44 enrolled.

The soccer season will conclude on February 15th with the Championships.

The most fun will be on Sunday, February 16th when the ...

...**4th Annual Parent v.s. Coaches soccer match** will take place.

Itty Bitty Basketball has 18 enrolled learning to dribble, pass & shoot with significantly shorter baskets.

Roller Hockey has just started this week with 15 signed up and many more expected.

Youth Programs

Fall Session offered 29 classes with a total of 483 participants.

This is approximately the same level of service as in 1995 fall semester.

New programs include:

Gymboree which is very well attended and meets the needs of our younger friends at the Recreation Center.

Winter Session having just begun shows 17 classes with 149 participants to date. We have quite a few one day fun days and mini-fun days to come later in the semester.

New programs include:

Piano which has 5 students.

Adult Programs

Fall Session offered 20 classes, a 30% increase over last fall with 197 participants.

New programs include:

Spanish which seems to be in demand.

Winter Session offerings to date are 18 classes with 170 participants. This number is sure to improve as the session progresses.

New programs include:

Investment planning and beginner bridge.

Holiday Camps

Winter Camp week 1. having an enrollment of 33 children and Winter Camp week 2. having 44 children was very successful.

AfterSchool Program

The enrollment in the AfterSchool Program has leveled off at 45 children. This is the perfect number for the size of the facilities available.

Special Events

Halloween was very well attended at both parties. Caspers Friendly Castle for the younger trick or treaters and the Creepy Carnival totaled approximately 275 children and 220 adults. The food was donated by Publix and the Prizes were purchased in part through a donation from Mr. Morty Shor.

Worth Avenue Tree Lighting Ceremony - Dance Recital was very cute and well attended.

Up-Coming Events...

Daddy Daughter Date Night. Saturday, February 15th. for children 4 to 11 years old.

Spring Chocolate Chase. Saturday, March 29th. for very small children to 12 year olds.

Tennis

Fall Session

Tournaments were successful.

They included: Adult NCTA Doubles Tournament & Junior Singles Championship.

Tuesday Night Doubles Mixer has been very successful and well attended.

Junior Clinics were well attended in the fall.

What's New ... the tennis viewing area with an enlarged canopy and new tables and chairs.

Winter Session

Tuesday Night Doubles Mixer is still running strong.

Junior Clinics has a good sign-up for this session which will run for 10 weeks.

Up coming Tournament

Town Doubles Championship will be held the week of February 3, 1997.

Staff Changes:

- Ken Wilson retired at the end of the year after 23 years of service.
- John Logan has been hired to replace Ken. John transferred from the Public Works Parks Division and has had some limited experience in court maintenance. He is currently going through training and we think he is going to be an excellent addition to the staff.
- Tennis Assistant Pro changes...
 - Jim Hanlon Replaced Patrick Eickhorn, on a part-time basis.
 - Donna De Frances has been brought on to run the Junior Clinics & is available on a part-time basis for private lessons. We are expecting Donna to come on full-time in the Spring as Jim Hanlon is moving to Miami.

A Corollary Statement on Parking and Dismissal complications is necessary.

First, I am disappointed that so many parents have not acceded to my request to affix the Identification car bumper decals to your cars. A quick, informal check yesterday seemed to show only about one in three cooperating. Please, this will help us with what is always a complicated process.

Second, in the future and starting next week, we are not going to allow our students who walk home from school or meet their rides at a remote point to do so via the Recreation Center Parking lot. Yes, I know some of you are going to be upset by that decree. My reason is two-fold: It is dangerous for the reasons stated in my letter of last week and it is inconvenient to others who are trying to utilize the lot for its primary purpose, serving the Rec Center and its programs. Our later dismissal and parents' desire to use the lot for personal convenience contribute to the problem. Also, when you attend afternoon athletic contests - school or Rec Center - parking your car on our South Field helps alleviate parking space problems for everyone. Please cooperate and be a "good neighbor" to the our valuable friends at the Rec Center. We, Palm Beach Public and the Rec Center coexist well in a small place in the center of town. Please be a part of that continuing cooperation rather than a contributor to problems.

Finally, **one more area needs tightening for security of our students.** If any student is dismissed midday for any reason - planned or spontaneous - they must do so in a manner that is secure and orderly. Simply put, any dismissal other than regular must be from our Main Office or the Nurse, not from classrooms. Parents, siblings, drivers, care givers, etc. should go first to the office, even if you have notified us in advance of a student's need to leave early. This will allow us to maintain appropriate control and notification that students need to or have left campus.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD 1997

MEMBERS	1/97	3/97	5/97	9/97	11/97
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. RENEE FISHER	P				
2. MARC KATZENBERG	U				
3.					

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

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD FY-97

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest