



**Town of Surfside
Parks and Recreation Committee
MINUTES
June 12, 2023
5:30 PM**

Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Manny Crawford Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chair MacBride called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Herbello called the roll with the following members present:

Present: Vice Chair MacBride, Committee Member Christopher Cook, and Committee Member Marta Olchyk.

Absent: Chair Retta Logan and Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Also Present: Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose and Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian.

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Town Commission Liaison Report

No Commission Liaison Report was provided.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A May 15, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the May 15, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Cook. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

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5. Discussion Items

5.A 96th Street Park Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that summer camp started today and Committee Member Olchyk always donates a \$1,000 for a scholarship for Summer

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Camp. He stated that this year the scholarship went to Carlos Duarte's daughter, Alejandra. He stated that camp costs have been going up everywhere and knows that this family has been struggling. Mr. Duarte is a maintenance worker in Public Works for the Town of Surfside and his daughter is very well deserved of this scholarship. He wrote a very nice and thoughtful thank you letter to Committee Member Olchyk.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the 96th Street Park project. He stated that they are running on schedule and he participates in their biweekly meetings. He stated that the multi-purpose field the way it is laid out will be more functional.

5.B Recap of Tennis Center Recreation Center Meeting - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the recap from last month's meeting. He stated that as they get closer to the design portion he will bring to the Committee for their input on the exercise equipment. He spoke regarding the input from the community regarding the hours of operation and there is a space on the website for community input and they have not received any comments so that is a good thing. He stated they will get the Committee involved as they get closer.

Vice Chair MacBride stated that Mayor Danzinger had brought up possibly naming the center, a gymnasium or a conference room after someone that was actively involved in the community or a physical education teacher. He suggested naming it after Arnold "Coach" Notkin. He was very involved in the community and in other organizations besides serving on this Parks and Recreation Committee for many years. He stated that he currently is still an honorary member of this Committee. Coach and his wife passed away in the Champlain Towers South collapse. He spoke regarding what the procedure is that the Town has for naming a building or room. He would like for staff to find out what the procedure would be in order to consider naming the center or a portion of the center after Coach.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that is a very good idea and he was very involved in other organizations outside of what he did for the Town of Surfside.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he had the honor of knowing Coach for 19 years and he was an incredible person.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that they will look into that.

Vice Chair MacBride would like to know the procedure since he is aware that they have had backlash in the past when naming a building.

Committee Member Cook asked if they will have input on the exercise equipment and will it strictly only be a tennis center.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it will be more than a tennis center.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that is why they are thinking of calling it a sports center.

Committee Members are excited for this new tennis center and are looking forward to having it completed soon.

5.C Summer Camp Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update and stated that camp started today with the YMCA and so far it is running smoothly. He is excited with the merger. He stated they are running at about 75% capacity and they did the same thing last year.

Vice Chair MacBride stated that many families are on the road traveling and may wait till later to send their children to camp.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that during COVID many families were traveling during the summer and now they are gone for a month or month and half. He stated that he is already talking with Bill from the YMCA regarding possibly doing next year a weekly camp.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that is how they are doing it now, which is on a weekly basis.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he can't wait to get into the new building where they will have more space which will give them the availability of moving inside during inclement weather.

Vice Mayor Rose asked if they will be back and forth.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that camp will be strictly at the park and the children will be shuttled to the Community Center for the pool.

Vice Chair MacBride stated he had to convince a resident that the building will not be a monstrosity and that it is just being shifted sideways and it will be great for the kids.

5.D Fall After School Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update. He stated that the YMCA had a meet and greet last Thursday and then they had a zoom meeting with the parents and counselors. He stated the majority of the questions were regarding after care. He spoke regarding registration and he believes they will be full for fall aftercare.

Vice Chair MacBride asked if after care will run out of the new park.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that yes, everything will be run out of the new 96th Street Park. He spoke regarding the aquatic facilities and they are running a full aquatic facilities. He stated they have had to limit some of their programs because of the amount of children and they have had to cut back on their senior programming. He spoke regarding the different programs they can run out of the new park when it is completed.

6. Public Comments

There were no public speakers.

7. Next Meeting Date

7.A Next Meeting Date: August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Manny Crawford Conference Room - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello provided the next meeting date of August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. being held at Town Hall in the Manny Crawford Conference Room.

Consensus was held to have the next meeting on August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Rose asked when they will be discussing the equipment for the new tennis center.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made and they are looking at taking the design aspect to the Commission in July and later possibly in the fall to discuss the exercise equipment and it will be brought to this Committee before going to the Commission.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss before the Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Cook. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

Evelyn Herbello, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk