



**Town of Surfside  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
MINUTES  
August 21, 2023  
5:30 PM**

Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Manny Crawford Conference Room

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Logan called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello called the roll with the following members present.

Present: Chair Retta Logan, Vice Chair Frank MacBride, Committee Member Marta Olchyk, and Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Absent: Committee Member Christopher Cook during roll call but arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Also Present: Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Town Manager Hector Gomez and Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian.

**2. Agenda and Order of Business**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian asked to walk on an item naming Committee Member Olchyk as the Liaison for the new Senior Program to be heard before Item 5A (96th Street Park Project Update).

**3. Commission Liaison Report**

Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Rose provided his Commission Liaison Report.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.A June 12, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes** - Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

A motion was made by Committee Member Manuel to approve the June 12, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair MacBride. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

[June 12, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**5. Discussion Items**

### **5.A 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated they missed some days due to weather but are working on some Saturdays with Town approval. He spoke regarding the first and second pour. He stated the equipment is on order already and gave a status on the different equipment and projected date is March 2024.

Vice Chair MacBride asked if the Bal Harbour new park has a kayak launch.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they do have a boat dock but not sure about a kayak launch.

Chair Logan asked regarding the insurance increases and is that budgeted for the new building and tennis center. She suggested that they look at the increases in insurance rates to make sure it is budgeted for in future budgets.

Vice Mayor Rose stated he will ask. He addressed the comments made.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated our facilities are different but agrees to take a look at that as well. He spoke regarding the programs Bal Harbour has.

### **5.B Tennis Center/Recreation Center Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated it is in the design phase and they have a meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 and he will keep the Committee updated.

Chair Logan asked regarding the budgeting for that.

Town Manager Gomez stated it is being budgeted through Tourist Funds.

Vice Chair MacBride asked regarding the funding. He stated he brings this up because he has had conversations with some residents and the park, space and gym is needed.

Town Manager Gomez explained the funding for the design phase. He also suggested a tour of the park.

Discussion took place among the Committee Members and staff regarding the facilities coming up as well as the different events that can take place at the new facilities.

Chair Logan suggested setting up as part of the agenda the 96th Street Park tour.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian suggested putting that tour on the September agenda.

Committee Member Manuel asked why the community center was sent out as a

referendum and if this also has to be put on a referendum.

Vice Mayor Rose stated you have to go out to referendum when you borrow money.

Town Manager Gomez stated that the Town is paying for the project and not borrowing money.

Committee Member Olchyk was on the Commission during that time and provided an overview of what took place.

**5.C Resident Board/Kayak Rack at Community Center (and then in the future at 96th Street Park) - Committee Member Christopher Cook**

To seek approval from the Committee to recommend to the Town Commission to approve a resident board/kayak rack at the Community Center and then once the 96th Street Park is complete at the new 96th Street Park.

Committee Member Cook introduced the item and apologized for being late. He spoke regarding some of the street ends having rocks and not being able to launch their kayaks. He spoke regarding having racks somewhere at the Community Center to have some of the racks to accommodate the resident's kayaks.

Discussion among the Committee Members and staff regarding the racks, liability, security and possible theft of the kayaks and limited space on the green area at the Community Center.

**5.D Summer Camp Recap - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated they ran four 2 week sessions and had an extended camp, their numbers ranged from 45-60. He spoke regarding the adjustments made in the past 3 years.

Vice Chair MacBride asked if they received positive feedback.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they had a great feedback and stated that they had a great turnout with the junior lifeguard program. He spoke regarding the YMCA and they are happy with the facility as well and are fully staffed.

Discussion among the Committee Members and staff took place regarding the staffing of the YMCA and the success of the afterschool program.

**5.E Fall Program Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He spoke regarding a once a month interactive program at Hawthorne Tot Lot for the tots. He stated it is a variation with more interactive activities. He stated the Teen Theme is coming back and provided an overview of that program. He spoke regarding the Senior Program and Teen Program that can work in conjunction with the Senior Program.

Vice Chair MacBride suggested that for high school students they can use that for community service hours.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they do offer community service hours for the high school teens and stated some of the projects they have done in the past.

Vice Chair MacBride asked Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the text he sent regarding the concern of a parent that their son was the only boy in the group.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed that comment and it was the first day of the program.

#### **5.F Fourth of July Recap - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated that they ran out of giveaways quickly and will look at a way of providing the giveaways in a more affective way to not run out of them.

Committee Member Olchyk asked regarding the cost of the food and she received some complaints that the food was expensive.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he can address it for next year.

Vice Chair MacBride stated that in the past the Lion's Club was more reasonable in price.

Chair Logan stated that it is a hard sell because that event is probably the biggest selling day for the concession stand.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian thanked Chair Logan and her son for volunteering and working the event.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the other agencies that assisted in the event.

#### **5.G After School Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated they have 25 kids registered and spoke regarding the increase in enrollment and the YMCA is doing a great job. They are catering to necessity and parents will need the program and it will get up and running.

#### **5.H Potential Partnership with an Environmental Organization - Committee Member Christopher Cook - Committee Member Christopher Cook**

Possible partnership with an environmental organization, like Plastic Fisherman.

Committee Member Cook introduced the item. He stated that there are not enough

trash cans at the street ends and always sees trash in the waters and suggested having a partnership with Plastic Fisherman or have a grabber or net to fish out the bottles and plastic bags from the water.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he spoke with Committee Member Cook and he has already reached out to Ricardo from Plastic Fisherman and believes this is a program you can have the Teen Program involved.

Chair Logan stated that she remembers Ricardo speaking about that and there aren't enough trash cans at the street ends and understands that you might have food and things that critters and racoons get into the trash cans and make more of a mess.

Town Manager Gomez addressed the comments and stated there was a delay receiving the trash cans but they did receive them and they will be delivering them at the street ends and provided the cons of the trash cans which are the rodents. He stated they will be placed closer to the street and they will also have new stop signs.

Discussion continued among the Committee Members and staff regarding possibly branding the new trash cans.

Vice Chair MacBride commented on the heat the Public Works employees and suggested giving them some incentives.

Town Manager Gomez stated that they are being given unlimited breaks. He stated that they will be getting the Town's own street sweeper next week.

#### **5.I) Naming Committee Member Olchyk as the Liaison for the Senior Program**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian asked to walk on an item naming Committee Member Olchyk as the Liaison for the new Senior Program. He provided an overview of the program and thanked Committee Member Olchyk for all her help and service.

Committee Members congratulated Committee Member Olchyk.

#### **6. Public Comments**

Chair Logan opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public speakers.

Chair Logan closed the floor to public comments.

Committee Member Olchyk complimented and thanked Town Manager Gomez and she has dealt with many Town Manager's and he is one that you call and he will answer and take care of the situation and issue.

Town Manager Gomez thanked her and it is a team effort.

Vice Chair MacBride asked regarding naming either the facility or a room in the facility after "Coach".

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that discussion is in place to be able to have that done.

Discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding "Coach" and his work in the community and working on the process and policy on having that done.

Committee Member Cook spoke regarding the landscaping noise with the leaf blowers and possibly coming up with a schedule so they do not hear daily that noise.

## **7. Next Meeting Date**

### **7.A Next Meeting: September 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Manny Crawford Conference Room - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello**

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello advised the Committee Members of the next meeting date of September 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. being held at Town Hall, 2nd Floor in the Manny Crawford Conference Room.

Consensus was held to hold the meeting on September 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Manager Gomez suggested to have the October 16th meeting at the construction trailer at the 96th Street Park and have a tour for the Committee Members.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss before the Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Manuel to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Chair Logan. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

---

Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

---

Evelyn Herbello  
Deputy Town Clerk

