

**Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES
February 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Anchorage Park**

1) Call to Order: Chair Bell

2) Roll Call:

Bob Bell, Chair	Don Grill, Vice Chair
Stephen Heiman	Paul Beach
Mia St John	Village Council Representative:
Rita Budnyk	Zakariya Sherman, Director of Leisure Services
Maria Cassidy	

Bob Bell called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

All board members present except Mia St. John (sent email ahead of time saying she would not be present). No council member present.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes: January Minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Maria Cassidy; seconded by Don Grill.

3) Public Comments:

Four members of the public were present and made comment in support of more public pickleball courts being available at our public parks. Sandy Cavanaugh commented that the tennis community is well served at the Country Club, and pickle ball is becoming popular. Another resident (Whetstone) commented that he would like to see more pickle ball courts, and asked if any were in the plans. Two other residents (Seaberg and Becker) also spoke in favor of more regulation size public pickle ball courts. The commenters stated that the lines and net at Anchorage Park were not regulation.

Discussion of pickle ball courts ensued. Director Sherman stated that pickle ball courts have been and continue to be discussed, and would have to be made part of the budget for next year, Oct. 1, 2023. The Board Members were generally in favor of pickle ball courts, but did not think that the tennis courts at Anchorage Park should be replaced with pickle ball courts. Paul Beach, Rita Budnyk, and another board member commented that the Anchorage tennis courts were the only public courts in North Palm Beach and should remain. A discussion was had about which public park was best suited for pickle ball courts, and whether a multi-use surface or designated use would

best serve the community. One idea was to use a portion of the basketball court area at Osborne Park or the Community Center to create a space for pickle ball courts.

A motion was made by Stephen Heiman to recommend to Council the repurposing of a portion of the Osborne Park basketball surface into pickle ball courts. The motion was seconded by Don Grill, with the advisory board members present unanimously in favor.

4) Director's Report:

Zak Sherman presented and discussed the Director's Report, dated February 14, 2023, which are made a part of these minutes.

Lakeside Park:

- Sand Volleyball court
 - Refurbished with new sand!
- Golf Cart
 - Estimated delivery is sometime in February now.
- Ordered new parts for Playground.

Anchorage Park:

- New Playground
 - Turf installation expected to finish this week or early next. Plan to have soft opening middle or end of next week. Ribbon cutting won't be until March sometime. Sail shade is scheduled to go in March 8.
- Dry Storage
 - Working with FPL on plan to underground overhead lines.
 - Working with Engenuity on plan to replace fence and put in landscaping.
 - Adam sent us updated civil plan with the changes to the fence line. By moving the fence to the trail, he was able to add 25 more spots (46 in that section in total). He'll look at the other lots to see if we can fit more. Currently, there are 39 items in total being stored in south lot. We'll need to figure out how to move 14 more over. He is also coming up with cost estimates.

Discussion ensued regarding the storage of boats by Palm Beach Crew. Steve Heiman asked if the PBC was still storing boats, and whether and when they would be building and moving to a new storage area? Director Sherman responded that PBC stated it did not have the finances to build a new fenced in storage area for its boats (as originally planned). Bob Bell and other members asked what PBC was paying to store its boats in the dry storage area. All members agreed that PBC should be charged what residents are charged for dry storage. Maria Cassidy stated that the dry storage should be freed up for residents' use. Board members were in general agreement that space should be used for residents if PBC is having difficulty sustaining its participation.

- Plumbing
 - Small dog park fountain fixed.
 - Fountain in big pavilion fixed.
- Electrical
 - Outlets in big pavilion and small pavilion by playground repaired.

- Mulch
 - Working with precision to get mulch around the park, especially along the perimeter of the building.
- Precision
 - Grassing in small driveway to nowhere by baseball field outfield. A wheel stop was placed there too, creating one new parking spot.
- Pest control
 - Dog parks were sprayed for pests on January 24

Marina:

- Boat Ramp
 - Engenuity/Gerwig sent us revised civil engineering & surveying services estimate as well as a construction cost estimate. Currently looking into other estimates before we move forward.
- South slips
 - Cameras/poles installed and tested!

Community Center:

- Playground
 - Waiting on Neutron Carousel for playground along with 1 wear mat to arrive.
- Dodgeball Dates
 - Friday, February 17 from 6-8pm
- NPB Youth T-Ball Co-Ed
 - Registration began Feb. 1; Season runs March thru early April. Ages 5-6. Teaches basic mechanics of baseball using a tee. (week-day only practices and games). Cost: Residents \$75 / Non-Residents: \$85.
- Youth Soccer and minis soccer
 - Final Enrollment: 56 6-8yr olds; 31 9-11yr olds; and 13 12-14yr olds for a total of 100 kids.
 - For the 9-11 league, we made a few changes to the schedule. We wanted to make sure the season needed before spring break.
 - End-of-Season party/cookout will be on March 16th, after the championship game.
 - Minis soccer:
 - 12 kids signed up for Wednesdays; but only four for Mondays.
- Fence replacement
 - Keyed Up fence to replace remainder of Community Center field fence.
- Plumbing
 - Waiting on new outdoor bottle filler fountain to replace the rusted unit closest to main front door of building to arrive.

Osborne Park:

- Water fountain at Racquetball court
 - Removed old water fountain at Racquetball court
- Community Garden
 - Expansion Update:

- Project on hold for now.
- Tiki Hut
 - A 10 X 20 should be installed this week near the garden
- Bank Account
 - The Board opened a bank account with TD Bank and the President, Amber, and the Treasurer, Rodney, are signers on the account. The Board still needs to send a resolution to the bank that authorizes these two individuals to open a bank account for the entity.
 - Rodney deposited the check from the Village for the club's 22/23 dues for \$769.32. The club's bank balance is \$794.32
- IRS
 - The Board received a letter from the IRS stating that they are officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- Meet us in the garden
 - Tuesday, February 7th @ 5:30pm* (*Note earlier time)
 - Come mingle and meet other community gardeners to hear what they have been up to! This informal NPB Community Garden meeting serves as an opportunity to meet one another, work together, discuss concerns and share ideas for the garden.
- Upcoming event
 - Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25th at 6:15pm! The Village of NPB Recreation Department will be working with the Community Garden to host a Movie in the Garden. We'll be showing *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* & will be popping free popcorn for the event!
 - Spread the news to your neighbors! This will be a fun night.
 - We'll send out a flyer for the event in a separate e-mail.
 - **We need a few volunteers to run the popcorn machine. Please let us know if you're up for the job!
- Garden news
 - We are excited to announce that our community garden is now a non-profit organization!
 - The garden is looking really full and lush. Great job, gardeners.
 - Our garden is now at max capacity and any interested residents will be placed on a waitlist.
 - As always, be sure to keep the area around your beds free of weeds.
 - Thank you to those that have volunteered to work the table at the NatureScape event on March 4 @ John D. MacArthur State Park. If you are interested, please let us know ASAP. We'll be working on a schedule.
 - Did you know we're on Facebook and Instagram? Give us a follow!
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/North-Palm-Beach-Community-Garden/100085304135212/>
 - Instagram: @npbcommunitygarden

Veterans Park:

- Nothing new to report.

Staffing:

- Open positions
 - Francesca Wernisch is our newest Recreation Assistant and will work at Anchorage in the mornings.
 - We have 3 open Library Clerk positions at the Library, but offered the job to one person so far.
 - We'll be hiring 2 camp counselors for spring break camp. Counselor positions for summer camp have been posted already as well, and we've gotten a great response so far.

Special Events:

- **Special events**
 - Friends of the Library Annual booksale
 - January 25 through January 28.
 - **Made \$3,082 in total!**
 - Hot Cars & Chili Cookoff
 - January 28 from 12-4pm.
 - Great crowd! And we did not run out of food this year.
 - Friends of library sold beer/wine and made **\$1,239.30** after expenses.
 - Recreation collected **\$4,240** day of event selling wristbands, shirts, and car entries; collected **\$600** in pre-registrations for a total of **\$4,840**.
 - Chili Results
 - **Chili - People's Choice**
 - 1st Place – Pepperwood Posse
 - 2nd Place – Hobo's Restaurant
 - 3rd Place – Son's of BBQ
 - **Chili – Judge's Choice**
 - 1st Place – Super Dave's Chili
 - 2nd Place- Hobo's Restaurant
 - 3rd Place – Nitrogen Bar & Grill
 - **Chili - Best Decorated Booth**
 - Flora Bama Venison Chili
 - Car Show Results
 - **Car Show - Staff's Choice**
 - 1st Place – Mike Pruss, 1930 Ford
 - 2nd Place – Jim Mondello, 1963 Chevy
 - 3rd Place – Jonathon Green, 1966 Shelby
 - **Car Show – People's Choice**
 - 1st Place – Greg Lyon, 1948 Woody
 - 2nd Place- Brandon Hoehmann, 1929 Marmon
 - 3rd Place – Charlie Flynn, 1956 Ford
 - **Car Show – Participants Choice**
 - 1st Place – Scott Utecht, 1957 Chevy
 - 2nd Place – Robert Minas, 1969 Pontiac
 - 3rd Place – Chris Hill, 1937 Ford
 - **Car Show – Mayor's Choice**
 - Randy Tedder, 1926 Ford

- **Car Show – Top NPB Resident Car**
 - Brandon Hoehmann, 1929 Marmon
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Trivia Night
 - Saturday, February 18 from 6-8pm. Anchorage Park
 - Join the NPB Parks and Recreation Department for a night of brain-busting trivia! Bring lawn chairs, blankets, golf carts, and snacks and beverages for a fun night of community trivia. Pre-registration is a must as we assign spots on the lawn with your registration. Registration forms are available for pickup at our Anchorage Park office. Call 561-841-3386 to register.
 - \$5 per team, with no more than five people per team. We are accepting up to twenty-five teams, so register quick! Prizes for the winners!
 - Movie at the Garden
 - Saturday, February 25 at 6:15ish. Osborne Park
 - Join us for a movie in the park at the Community Garden! Bring your own snacks and drinks. Bring the whole family!
 - Please call 561-841-3386 to register.

Library:

- Facilities
 - Week of February 27, staff plan to box up all books on perimeter and store in meeting room. Painters will then paint the walls and columns. Carpet installation will begin March 6. After carpet is installed, new wall shelving will be installed on perimeter. Books will then be brought up from meeting room to go back on shelves.
 - New café style tables as well as the 2 self-checkout pods are at warehouse waiting to be delivered.
- AARP
 - AARP will be doing free tax aide in the library every Wednesday and Friday 9:00-12:30 as in previous years.
 - Patrons should bring last year's tax return and all of their tax documents they have.
 - Patrons don't need an appointment, they can just walk in.
 - Those who made appointments in January will be seen first on their appointment days and times and walk-ins will be seen after.
 - AARP does not take phone appointments and we are not able to take messages to deliver to AARP volunteers.
- Hotspots for checkout
 - We now have 5 Hotspots for checkout.
 - Please see the circulation desk upstairs to check one out.
- Programming:
 - We have four storytimes each week.
 - We continue to have TCS class visits on Wednesday-Friday mornings.
 - Children's Arts and Crafts are held weekly on Thursdays at 3:00
 - Children's Art Appreciation is held on the third Friday of the month at 3:00.
 - Crazy 8's Math Club is back every Wednesday for ages K-5!
 - Teen volunteers are helping with daily tasks such as shelf reading and cleaning after school.

- Knit and Crochet meet every Monday
- Great Courses returned after winter break with “Wonders of the National Parks” on January 17th
- Adult crafts were held December 8th
 - Using donated beads from Bonnie Jenkins of the LAB, 23 patrons made beautiful necklaces and bracelets just in time for a gift for the holidays!
- Yoga with Mi Sun is back in Veteran’s Park on Friday mornings and enjoying the gorgeous weather!
- Book Club was held December 1st
 - 13 book club members discussed the book The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford
- Senior Appreciation Bingo sponsored and presented by Dedicated Senior Medical Center
 - 10 seniors attended Bingo night!
- Friends of the Library
 - Friends has a SeaWorld Raffle basket drawing February 17th
 - Includes stuffed Shamu whale toy and 2 single-day adult tickets to and SeaWorld Park!

5) New Business:

- RFQ Master Planning Osborne and Community Center

Director Sherman discussed the RFQ Master Planning progress for Osborne Park and the Community Center, which the staff intends to make part of Leisure Services upcoming budget.

6) Old Business:

- CIP Projects

Director Sherman stated that the boat ramp costs for replacement by Engenuity Group were higher than anticipated so the Village was looking at getting additional estimates.

7) Member Comments:

None.

8) Staff Comments:

None.

9) Adjournment:

Stephen Heiman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Don Grill. All members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.