

**Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES
March 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: Susan Bickel
Rita Budnyk	Stephen Poh, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Maria Cassidy	

Bob Bell absent (out of town). All other members present. Susan Bickel was Council representative. Staff member Stephen Poh filled in for Zak Sherman.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Stephen Heiman to approve. Second by Mia St John.

3) Public Comments:

Cindy Seaberg / Gilbert Whetstone: Follow up on petition. No real pickle ball courts. Great response. Submitted petition to council. 670 signatures in two weeks' time. Presented to council. Got quote for eight Pickleball courts from Sports Surfaces company. Osborne would make a great spot.

Don Grill: could we use the asphalt at Osborne Park?

Rita: Council is going to get our recommendation.

Cindy: is there any money from surtax?

Susan Bickel: that money was used for infrastructure.

Stephen Poh: \$50,000 to \$60,000 for 3 courts at Osborne Park.

Don Grill: try to get these companies to go out and measure and ask them for a cost on 3 courts.

Susan Bickel: there is a whole process that it has to go out to bid.

Chris Ryder: new playground looks great. Great addition. Glad to see that there is shade. Nice asset to community.

4) Director's Report:

Lakeside Park:

Golf Cart

- The cart has finally arrived to the dealership but the accessories are back ordered. We are trying to get more information on ETA.

Playground

- Waiting on new parts for Playground; should arrive in April.

Rangers

- Issued 2 parking tickets at Lakeside Park in January/February. One ticket was paid and one is outstanding.

Anchorage Park:

New Playground

- Sail shade is scheduled to "ship" March 8. If all goes as planned, sail shade will get installed March 15, and then ribbon cutting will be at 4:30pm on the 16th.
- Plan to install camera at playground once shade is up.
- Installed new benches around playground and new trash bins by one of the small pavilions (on cement pad).

Dry Storage

- Still working with FPL/Smith Engineering/Engenuity on renovation plans and undergrounding of overhead lines.

Precision

- Repaired sod in baseball field outfield.
- Removed two trees closest to building that were not doing well. Environmental committee to recommend what trees to plant in their place.

Walk/Run Club

- From Rita Budnyk:
 - Thank you for participating in the very first walk/run of the NPB WalkRun Club. We hope that this is the start of many future events and growing participation. For those who would like to volunteer or offer suggestions on how to make this Club successful, please send me an e-mail. npbwalkrunclub@gmail.com I, with the help and guidance of NPB Village Recreation & Leisure Staff, will be monitoring this email.
 - 6 people attended first meeting.
 - Been holding it at Anchorage Park every Saturday at 8am.

Marina:

Boat Ramp

- Sea Diversified working to get us quotes; Bill Saddler met staff at boat ramp on March 9. Next steps are for him to put proposal together.

Rangers

- Issued 17 tickets in January/February at the boat ramp for either expired stickers or no sticker at all.

Community Center:

Playground

- Waiting on Neutron Carousel for playground along with 1 wear mat to arrive; should arrive by June.

Gym Floor

- Plan to redo gym floor after summer camp; floor was last done in 2010. Goes to Council March 9. (Approved). (Installation after summer camp July 31 – August 20th).

Dodgeball

- Next game is Monday, March 20 from 6-8pm

NPB Youth T-Ball Co-Ed

- Did not implement because only 1 person signed up; issued refund.

Youth Soccer and minis soccer

- End-of-Season party/cookout will be on March 16th, after the championship game.

Youth Basketball and Minis

- Registration is currently live. Season starts April 3, 4 & 6.

Spring Break Camp

- Registration is full at 20 kids.

Summer Camp

- Draft schedule is done; working on quotes for busing.

Fence replacement

- Keyed Up fence replaced remainder of Community Center field fence.

Musco lighting

- Ordered control link so staff can control lighting from PC or phone.

Plumbing

- New bottle filler has been installed on little building near the playground.

AT&T Cell Tower

- AT&T rents the cell tower by the picnic shelter. They plan to do some work to their equipment upcoming. We asked them not to start until after soccer is over.

Osborne Park:

Community Garden

- Tiki Hut
 - Installed 10 X 20 tiki hut next to garden; also ordered picnic table for the hut.

Movie in Park

- On Saturday, February 25th hosted 53 people for *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*.
- Volunteers from garden board and environmental committee ran the popcorn machine.

Veterans Park:

Nothing new to report.

Staffing:

Open positions

- Parks and Recreation is fully staffed.
- Library has one PT Library Clerk opening.

Special Events:

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- Trivia Night
 - Saturday, February 18 from 6-8pm at Anchorage Park.
 - 100 people attended!
 - Bill delivered a thank you letter and plant to LaBamba and Cod & Capers for their gift card donations. Lisa Molina, owner of LaBamba, and Jessica Zobel, owner of Cod & Capers, are 2 of the most generous restaurant owners who have been donating to things for years now to various events such as the fishing tournament, trivia nights, heritage festival, the holiday home decoration contest from 2020, and a bunch more.
- Movie at the Garden
 - Saturday, February 25 at 6:30 at Osborne Park.
 - 53 people attended!

Outreach

- NatureScaping event at MacArthur Park
 - Staff set up three tents for Library, Parks and Rec, and Garden Club (Amber, Rosemary, Lynda, Janie, Mary).
 - Signed 4 people up for library cards and talked about upcoming events and summer camp.
 - Garden folks handed out flyers, various herbs/flowers in Dixie cups, and provided a hands-on planting activity.

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Art Show
 - Registration extended through March 10, 2023.
 - Entry form: <https://bit.ly/3HLcd4Q>
 - **Important Dates:**
 - Drop off artwork: March 27 or March 30
 - Public art exhibit: March 31 through April 7
 - Winners announced: April 10
 - **Guidelines:**
 - Monday, April 10 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Obert Room at the North Palm Beach Public Library, 303 Anchorage Drive.
 - Contest open to North Palm Beach residents only with prizes awarded to winners in each category!
 - Only one (1) item of artwork per resident will be accepted. Accepting 2D (framed and ready to hang with wire attached) and 3D (tabletop) artwork.
 - All mediums welcome! Maximum size 30"x42". *Larger items will be accepted based on space availability.
 - Artwork is permitted to be for sale however, the Village will not be involved in any sales transactions between the owner and buyer.
 - Artwork must be dropped off in the Library's Obert Room on March 27 or March 30 from 4:30-6:00 PM and a copy of your entry form must be attached to your artwork upon submission. Any artwork received after March 30 will not be eligible for a prize.
 - Artwork will be on display in the Obert Room from March 31 to April 7. Viewing hours are limited to Mon-Thurs, 2:00-7:00 PM and Friday, 2:00-5:00 PM.
 - Mail or email your entry forms to Barbara Bruckner at Village of North Palm Beach, 501 US Hwy 1, NPB, 33408 ATTN: Barbara or BBruckner@Village-NPB.org For additional information, please call Barbara at (561) 904-2122.
 - Entry forms must be submitted to Barbara Bruckner no later than March 10, 2023.
 - Artwork must be taken home following the awards ceremony.
- Garage Sale
 - Saturday, March 18 at Community Center from 7:30-Noon.
 - Shoppers can literally find anything at this huge sale - even the kitchen sink!
 - There will be over 50 individual garage sales at one location!
 - A garage sale 'seller's dream'!
 - This yearly sale is held rain or shine! Free parking, free admission!
 - This Sale is held at the NPB Community Center, 1200 Prosperity Farms Rd.
 - Anyone can purchase a space to sell all the "stuff" they don't use at home anymore!
 - The fee for a space is \$20.00. Indoor spaces measure 6' x 16'. Outdoor spaces measure 10' x 10'
- Heritage Day Kickoff
 - Friday, March 31 from 6-9pm at Osborne Park
- Heritage Day Parade and Festival
 - Saturday, April 1
 - Staff will be selling totes, mugs, and shot glasses

Library:

Facilities

- Over 750 boxes of books were taken downstairs to store during the painting/carpet project.

- Staff took down old wall-shelving after the books were taken off. Then the painters patched up the walls and painted.
- Carpet was installed week of March 6.
- Staff will put the upstairs back together again the week of March 13.
- Unfortunately, although the new wall-shelving is at the warehouse, it has yet to be painted and isn't expected to arrive and be installed until March 27.
- New café style tables as well as 2 self-checkout pods are at warehouse waiting to be delivered and will arrive March 27 also. Staff also ordered some other tables through another vendor and those should arrive shortly too.

5) New Business:

- Heritage Day Update

Susan Bickel: can floats throw out candy?

Stephen Poh: I will ask Zak to follow up.

6) Old Business:

- RFQ Master Planning Osborne and Community Center

Master plan. Three vendors made it to the next step. They will be coming in to give presentations on April 4 in council chambers. Barth Associates, CMA, and Team Plan Inc.

7) Member Comments:

Paul Beach: asked about parking at Lakeside. Stephen Poh talked about park rangers handing out tickets. He stated only a few tickets have been issued so far. \$25 fines at Lakeside; \$25 fines for no decal/expired decal at the marina. Don Grill asked about lighting at Community Center by fitness equipment, said it's a little dark there.

8) Staff Comments:

None.

9) Adjournment:

Paul Beach made motion to adjourn. Second by Maria. Adjourned at 7:26pm.