

**Village of North Palm Beach  
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
MINUTES  
April 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Anchorage Park**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Bell
- 2) **Roll Call:** Bob Bell, Paul Beach, Zak Sherman, Stephen Heiman, Rita Budnyk, Mia St John, Maria Cassidy, Don Grill.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Don Grill makes the motion to approve minutes from March; Maria Cassidy seconds.
- 3) **Board Discussion about Election of New Officers:** The Board discuss the election of new officers, but there is confusion about whether it should happen now or in May. Staff, as well as one Board member, point out that it's usually in done in May. Bob Bell nominates Stephen Heiman to be the new chair. Mia St John nominates Rita Budnyk. The board ultimately decides to elect a new chair (Stephen Heiman) and vice-chair (Rita Budnyk) at this meeting, although not all members participate in voting.
- 4) **Public Comments:** Members of the public present a proposal for building pickleball courts in an unused area of Osborne Park for about \$35,000. There is discussion about the logistics and cost of the proposal, with some members questioning if it includes fencing around each court. The speaker states that interior fencing is not required and can save money if it is not installed. The recreation board generally supports the idea of adding pickleball courts at Osborne Park but understands that the item was not specifically budgeted for FY23. It seems 3 courts can be installed on the existing pavement adjacent the basketball court.
- 5) **Director's Report:** Other topics discussed at the meeting include changes in procedures for ticketing violations, dry storage contracts with Crew, the arrival of the new golf cart, new chairs at Anchorage building, a new facility rental form, resurfacing the gym floor and redoing the community center field, updates on park projects such as Lakeside Park Playground, Community Center playground, Anchorage Park boat ramp, Anchorage park trail lighting, and the Dry Storage facility renovation. Finally, there is mention of youth basketball season starting with 201 participants.

There were also discussions about summer camp registration, events like Heritage Day, Easter, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. There is also mention of a potential committee to increase participation in the Heritage Parade. The Board makes a motion to make such a committee. Rita Budnyk makes the motion and Bob Bell seconds.

**6) New Business:**

- None

**7) Old Business:**

RFQ Master Planning Osborne and Community Center Update: Staff discuss the RFQ process for selecting a master planner for Osborne Park and the Community Center. The initial batch was trimmed to three finalists: Barth Associates, Team Plan Inc., and Chen Moore. All three provided live presentations to the RFQ committee. Barth Associates and Team Plan Inc. tied in the scoring and a vote was taken to select the winner. Ultimately, Team Plan Inc. was selected. However, it was learned that two members of Team Plan Inc. serve on NPB Boards and must resign their positions or pass on the opportunity to master plan the parks. If they pass, staff will reach out to Barth Associates, who was the runner up.

**8) Member Comments:** The meeting winds down with a discussion about four board members who are not reapplying to keep their positions. They comment on the oddness of all four leaving at once and the Board losing lots of experience and knowledge. They express interest in still helping as needed.

**9) Staff Comments:** Staff thanks the Board members who are leaving and express appreciation for learning much from them.

**10) Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 7:58p.m. Bob Bell makes motion; Don Grill seconds.