

Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Anchorage Park

Chairman	Bob Bell	(X)	Vice Chair	Don Grill	(X)
Member	Maria Cassidy	(X)	Member	Paul Beach	()
Member	Stephen Heiman	(X)	Member	Rita Budnyk	(X)
Member	Mia St John	(X)	Recreation	Beth Davis	(X)
Council Rep.	___Mayor Searcy___	(X)	Leisure Services	Zak Sherman	(X)

Call to Order: Bob Bell called meeting to order at 7PM.

Roll Call: All board members present except Paul Beach. Paul let us know ahead of time that he would not be able to attend.

Approval of Minutes: July's minutes were approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Directors Report:

- Accomplishments
- Ongoing projects
- Programs and events

Lakeside Park:

- Split rail fence
 - Fencing has been completed in all areas except near Dr. Higgins' house.
- Golf Cart
 - Estimated delivery is now October.
- Seagrapes
 - Precision planted more seagrapes on north end where the area is less thick, just north of pavilion closer to pull up bars. (Precision to water for now).
- Front gate
 - Waiting on quote for front automatic gate. Gate would open/close at whatever time we set it to.
 - If stuck inside lot after close, there could be a push button to open gate.
- Signage
 - Reviewing/revising signage to include prohibition against golf carts, etc.
- Walkovers
 - Will be replacing boards on walkovers leading to stairs; the stairs themselves were done recently. (Northside is done).
- Golf cart parking

- Mapped out golf cart parking lot
- Lot could fit at least 10 carts and free up spaces in regular lot
- The only expense would be additional split rail fencing (\$3k+); remainder of work can be done in house with Public Works

Anchorage Park:

- New Playground
 - Estimated delivery/installation date is still November.
 - PO has been amended to include curbing around the playground (\$11,500) which still leaves us under budget.
 - Will need to close out playground by March 2023 in order to apply for RTP grant.
- Fitness Equipment
 - A resident asked why the pull up bars station was removed and whether we were getting new equipment.
 - Stephen answered:
 - We had to remove most of the exercise equipment at Anchorage park due to safety concerns. Most of the pieces were rusting at the bottom and had cracks that we were afraid of breaking soon. We are securing a Recreational Trails grant in Fiscal Year 2023 to upgrade the trail around the park and add new fitness equipment. So we do plan on replacing all the equipment with brand new ones. If you have any suggestions on different pieces to add please let me know. We did an outdoor fitness equipment area at the Community Center on Prosperity Farms road about 2 years ago so you can go check that one out.
- Dry Storage
 - 90% plans are complete.
 - Project pushed back to FY24.
 - Still have \$560,000 in budget for FY23 to do something such as fix fence, add landscaping, pay for undergrounding...
- New bollard
 - New bollard has been installed; split rail fence installed as well so people cannot park their cars under trees by volleyball court.
 - Bollard can be removed for overflow parking as needed.
- Signage
 - Stephen and I are discussing signage pertaining to planned gatherings of 25 or more per revised ordinance. Not sure yet what type of signage we want and where such signage should go.
 - Main sign out front of Anchorage building needs to be repainted. I guess water from the sprinkler made the sign discolored.
 - Was concern about new signage at each trail head, that they were too high. Public Works stated the national requirements for hanging signs is 7 feet or taller. The reason is a normal height person does not hit their head.
- Waitlist software
 - Becky is almost done transferring all data from Excel sheets to online program.
 - We also updated the paper sign up form to reflect the procedural change approved at the last meeting that now only allows residents to sign up for one (1) dry space and one (1) wet slip.
- Dog park

- Still waiting on Precision to install new sod in small dog park (being done this week).
- Big pavilion
 - Precision to add new sod/tree soon.
- Instructor contracts
 - In process of renewing all instructor contracts for FY23
- Plants by north slips
 - Precision stated that they just trimmed them down recently and they grow back green quickly. Stephen will be keeping eye on them. The Environmental Committee had recently commented on their condition.
- Palm Beach Crew
 - From Lisa Interlandi: One of the PBC Crew master's rowers is headed to the world championships in September.
 - It's a pretty big deal, especially considering it's such a small rowing organization. Susan St. Sing is going to write up a blurb about it for September's newsletter.

Marina:

- New Proposed Slip fees
 - North Docks: \$3,465.00 ⇒ **\$3,603.60** (4% increase)
 - South Docks: \$2,562.50 ⇒ **\$2,613.75** (2% increase)
- Signage
 - New "no swimming, jumping, or diving" to be installed soon on either side of boat ramp.

Community Center:

- Main field
 - Fields have been reopened.
 - Haverland core airified field. Helps grass grow stronger/thicker.
- T-Mobile
 - Still waiting on T-Mobile for reimbursement for damage done to fields in December.
- Playground
 - Playground parts are in!!!
 - Contractor will be tearing down the old playground on Tuesday, August 9th.
 - The new playground will be installed starting Monday, August 15th. (should be done by next Thursday)
- Summer Camp
 - 8 weeks of sold out summer camp have been completed.
 - Week culminated with a trip to Animal Kingdom.
- Youth Flag Football Registration
 - Ages 8-14
 - Registration opens August 1st
 - Seasons runs Sept. thru Nov. (week-day only practices and games).
 - Residents: \$95 / Non-Residents: \$110
- Minis Baseball
 - For ages 3-5. Teaches basic sports mechanics.
 - Registration starts August 1st
 - Season runs Sept. 12 thru Oct. 26 with practices on M/W 3:30-4:15pm
 - Residents: \$75 / Non-Residents: \$85
- PB Soccer Academy Futsal

- Wednesday 6-7pm (ages 8-12)
- Wednesday 7-8pm (ages 13-17)
- Residents \$10 / Non-Residents \$12
- Bleachers
 - Recommended to be done yearly.
 - Cost is \$2,495 to service both sets.
 - Scheduled in August.
- Gym floor
 - May need to redo gym floor. Getting quotes. Damage to floor by bleachers was caused by wheels spinning and digging into floor.

Osborne Park:

- Garden Board
 - Held pot luck dinner on June 5 to celebrate first year of garden.
 - Received 27 membership renewals so far.
 - In process of becoming legal entity and applying for 501c3 tax exempt status. In meantime, Village will hold any funds collected and save until they are up and running.
 - Ordered two compost bins for garden.
- Basketball Court
 - New poles already in.
 - Backboards and hoops to be installed August 1st.
 - Surface to be painted/lined September 19.
- Bottle filler stations
 - Still waiting on Public Works to finish installation of bottle filler station at the racquetball court. They said they'd make it a priority.
- Outdoor restrooms
 - Doors have been painted.
- Softball field
 - New sod has been installed. Soccer shots will be using baseball field for a while however.
- Baseball/softball field
 - Haverland core airified field. Helps grass grow stronger/thicker.

Veterans Park:

- New sod growing in nicely.

Staffing:

- Mia Griner will be leaving us in September for a job in Atlanta, GA.
 - She will be missed!

Special Events:

- **Bus Trips:**
 - Caladium festival (Lake Placid) (car & bike show) July 29
 - Medieval times dinner show August 18
 - Marlins vs dodgers August 28

- Hard Rock Casino September 9. \$25
- Sarasota 3 day/2 night September 18,19 & 20 \$325 pp. Dbl occup.
- Orchid Show, Homestead, FL. October 7. \$25
- Miami Dolphins vs. Vikings Game October 16. \$105
- Arcadia Antique Flea Market October 22. \$25
- Renaissance Fest & Renningers in Mt. Dora, FL. November 12 & 13. \$165
- 4-Days,3-nights Savannah, GA. November 27,28,29,30. \$525 Dbl occupancy
- Tampa Bay Bucs game vs. Saints December 5. \$245
- For all Fall Trips (starting in September):
 - NPB Residents sign-up starting Aug. 3rd
 - Non Resident sign-up starting Aug. 10th. Call Bill at 561-841-3386 or stop by office at Anchorage Park.
- **Special events**
 - **Anchorage Aweigh Fishing Tournament** 16th annual (17th year)
 - August 6 at Anchorage Park
 - Captains Meeting August 5 at 6PM Anchorage Park
 - Saturday, August 6 (Pizza, water, sodas)
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Coffee with a cop
 - Saturday, September 10 from 9-12pm at the Library
 - Movie: More than Robots
 - Saturday, September 10 from 3-5pm at the Library
 - The Robotics team who participated in Heritage Day parade will be attending
 - Cornhole Tournament
 - Saturday, September 17
 - \$10 per single / \$20 per team
 - Advanced, beginner, and high school divisions
 - More details to come!

Library:

- Facilities
 - Keyed up Fence to repair back gate leading to garbage bins.
 - Stephen is working with Saffold to see about adding a drain by the side doors at the library so water during heavy rain periods doesn't accumulate and leak into building.
 - 50% Deposit has been paid to R. George for the new library shelving
 - Expecting wooden shelving to arrive as early as mid-October
 - New carpet will be ordered once the new wooden shelves on wheels have been installed to make it easier on staff
 - Steel walls shelves may not arrive until December or later, not a problem as that will be easier to transition
- Children's Programming
 - Four storytimes are being held each week with an average of 40 parent and children attending
 - Children's craft programs are averaging 20 per week
 - Return of TCS Class Visits!
 - Class visits stopped with Covid in mid-March of 2020

- After meeting with the new Principal from The Conservatory School, we have decided to start class visits back up again with the new school year in late August
 - We will once again try to sign every child in the school up for a library card, but this year the card will go home with the child for their personal use when their parents bring them after school or on the weekends
 - To make it easier to keep track of books, each teacher will get a class card and every student will get to pick one book and check it out on their class card
 - Also, we reminded the school about October 27th being the Read for the Record Challenge day and they have agreed for us to come to the school and read to the kids as we have in the past before Covid. We won the Read for the Record Challenge two years ago and we hope to reclaim our title!
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Foundation
 - Something we may consider for the future
 - "Each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a
 - high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children ages 0-5, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family. Countless parents have shared how excited their child is when their new book arrives each
 - month. Many groups and individuals work hard behind
 - the scenes to make that special moment possible for each
 - child."
 - We would need to locate a sponsor and provide enrollment advertisements
 - Currently 600 children in our area are eligible for this service
 - There is only one affiliate or champion in Palm Beach County and their service area is Pahokee, Belle Glade, South Bay, Canal Point, and Lake Park
- Summer Reading
 - Jurassic Parts Liquid Nitrogen Show
 - Over 100 people came to learn the wonders of liquid nitrogen and how it effects objects. It was a truly magical experience with audience participation and fun!
 - Children were delighted to watch as our presenter showed children how liquid nitrogen freezes flowers and balloons in just a couple of seconds!
 - The show ended with the entire audience taking a trip through a cloud of cold water vapor!
- Free Summer Lunch
 - Free lunch and snack ends July 29th but we have had a great turnout this summer
 - Many parents appreciated the extra help with healthy food options and some families made a whole trip out of it by stopping by for lunch and then attending a program
 - We will definitely be signing up to be a meal site again next year
- Teen Programming:
 - Volunteers have been helping us weekly with setting up for children's programs as well as learning how to shelve books and keep the library clean. We are so grateful for their help during this busy summer break!
- Adult Programming
 - Knit and Crochet continues to meet every Monday for an average of 10 people
 - Yoga in the Park has stopped until October
 - Book Club was held July 7th
 - The book that was discussed was The Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand
 - We had 12 members attend

- Great Courses Lectures
 - Go inside this thrilling story with A History of India, a breathtaking survey of South Asia from its earliest societies along the Indus and Ganges rivers through the modern challenges of the 21st century. Taught by Professor Michael H. Fisher of Oberlin College, these 36 sweeping lectures enable you to understand the epic scope of the subcontinent's history. Perhaps the most important facet of this history is how diverse the region truly is. Roughly the size of continental Europe, India—along with its neighbors Pakistan and Bangladesh—contains a myriad of ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes, religions, and cultural mores.
 - 26 people so far this month have attended a Great Courses Lecture
- Special Events:
 - First Senior Appreciation Bingo Night was held July 13th and will reoccur every 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - Dedicated Senior Medical Center sponsored the event and provided all of the prizes as well as food and drink
 - 14 seniors attend this event after only 2 weeks of advertising so we hope our next Bingo night August 10th will draw an even bigger crowd
- Friends of the Library:
 - The last meeting of the year was held May 9th and they will not meet again until September.
- Next Advisory Board Meeting:
 - August 23rd in Library Obert Room
- Zak also went over FY22 accomplishments and goals for FY23. Some goals included adding automatic sliding gate at lakeside and to renovate veterans park.

New Business:

- **Discussion of 2023 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for the Tennis Courts – Phase II project by Beth Davis**
 - Beth Davis gave presentation about application for FRDAP grant to finish 4 tennis courts at the country club. Grant will be \$50,000 and pay for the entire project. Construction would start next summer 2023. Rita made motion to support FRDAP grant application to cover cost of completing 4 courts and drainage. Mia made a second. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- **Dry Storage Project Update Next Steps**
 - Project being pushed off till FY24.
 - Have \$560k to do something in FY23 such as fencing, undergrounding, etc.
 - Council is concerned about aesthetics.
 - Discussed having dirt surface. Discussed purchasing security fence for north and south sides. Board felt the fence could be removed easily in future to accommodate project and without damage. Could put chain link on north side to save some money.
 - Zak answered questions that the board had from the July meeting. Board wanted to know lifespan of grid and maintenance costs. They also wanted information about drainage/exfiltration costs if Village decided to go with grid system. Board felt the estimate should have been lower.

- Truegrid manufacturer documentation states 25 to 60-year lifespan, but Engenuity recommends budgeting for a shorter lifespan, say 10 to 20 years. Truegrid is an interlocking paver, that can be replaced in sections if one area gets damaged. Also, regarding the replacement cost at the end of the lifespan, this number could be substantially reduced if the Village does regular maintenance and keeps the paver grid in good working order with spot repairs as needed. SFWMD is likely going to require some storage/treatment even for just the Truegrid pavers. Engenuity feels we could get the cost down to about 50% of the current cost for the drainage infrastructure if this option is selected. Could be up to \$150,000 less.
- Discussed cameras on south side.

Member Comments:

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:06PM. Don made motion; Rita second. All were in favor.