

Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Anchorage Park

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

Call to Order: Bob called meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll Call: All board members present except Maria Cassidy, who had a funeral to attend. Council member not present.

Approval of Minutes:

Public Comment:

Directors Report:

- **Accomplishments**
- **Ongoing projects**
- **Programs and events**

Zak spoke about getting 6 new PCs for Parks staff, 4 iPads for Leisure Services, 2 new laser printers/scanners, new cameras for south slips, and wifi for Community Center. Bob asked about the wifi. Zak said the speed of the wifi would be 500mb. In term of the Internet in general at our facilities, the Village owns the fiber at public safety, village hall, and library. At our other facilities, the Village rents the fiber from a vendor.

Lakeside Park:

- Split rail fence
 - Fencing near Dr. Higgins' house, the 3 sections in parking lot (that was hit by a vehicle), and new golf cart parking area should be done next week.
- Golf Cart
 - Estimated delivery is December.
- Front gate
 - Still waiting on quote for front automatic gate.
- Signage
 - Signage has been updated to make consistent.

Anchorage Park:

- New Playground

- Estimated delivery/installation date is still November.
- On October 13, will be going to Council to add ADA sidewalk and Spin Orbit piece. Brad Powers donated \$25k toward Spin Orbit.
- Hoping to be done by march so we can apply for a trails grant which would allow for a new trail, lighting, and fitness equipment.
- Dry Storage
 - Working with FPL on plan to underground overhead lines.
 - Working with Engenuity on plan to replace fence and put in landscaping.
- Split Rail fence
 - Plan to install new fencing from new bollard to volleyball courts on north side next week
- Dog park
 - The big dog park will open October 10.
- Instructor contracts
 - All ongoing instructor contract have been renewed!
- Boat decals / storage leases
 - In process of renewing all contracts for FY23
 - Resident removed boom from slip #16.
 - Police buying new boat which may go in slip #17 (all south renters will need to move down 1 slip)
 - Board discussed this and were generally opposed. Felt that the boat would sit idle and take up a spot meant for a resident.

Marina:

- Boat Ramp
 - Engenuity is working with UESI to conduct underwater inspection of the boat ramp. They did so before back in 2017, but it needs to be updated. The cost is \$4,500.
 - Boat ramp will be closing on Monday, October 10th from 10am-11am so UESI can complete a boat ramp inspection.
 - We are also working with Charlie Isiminger to conduct the sea grass survey around the ramp as well. Survey was completed. Just waiting for report.

Community Center:

- T-Mobile
 - Still waiting on T-Mobile for reimbursement for damage done to fields in December.
- Playground
 - New playground fully installed.
 - Still need to remove old fence posts.
 - Still need to add seating and possibly one more playground piece.
 - Waiting on sign to be added so we can close out the grant.
- Dodgeball
 - Might do dodgeball again in November!
- Youth Flag Football
 - Games have started.
- Bleachers
 - Received quote to fix/replace two seats. Now that we're in a new budget year, we'll go ahead and get them fixed.

Osborne Park:

- Garden Board
 - Hosting Plant & Seed Swap October 23, 2022 from 5-7PM at Community Garden.
 - Guest speaker Jetson Brown at 5PM.
 - He will be focusing on seed starting, planning your garden, and will review heirloom vs hybrid varieties to get you thinking about seed saving when the season is over.
 - Please RSVP for the event:
https://www.evite.com/event/0190R4UAULZUCYC3UEPNITRSIZFKWA/rsvp?utm_campaign=sen_d_sharable_link&utm_source=evitelink&utm_medium=sharable_invite
 - Free admission.
 - Beer tent on site!
 - Garden Board will need help setting up, tearing down, and manning the Beer Tent.
 - Any tips collected will go to their Garden Account. They are trying to plan for a garden expansion, pavilion, tool shed and tools.
 - Additionally, if anyone wants to bring and/or solicit in-kind donations from local restaurants, the Board would appreciate small appetizer food items, such as soft pretzels, cheese dips, bratwurst (all can be served in a small paper cup).
 - Contact the Garden Board so they can get you assigned!
 - If you plan on bringing seeds, plants or cuttings to swap, let us know
 - Meet us in the Garden
 - Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:00pm
 - Bring a Chair & a Beverage
 - 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.
- Basketball Court
 - Court is finished; Armor Courts painted and lined the basketball court this week.
 - Court will reopen on October 8.
 - That will finish the FRDAP grant, except for the sign, and we will be able to close it.
- Split Rail Fence
 - Plan to install new fencing by basketball court next week
- Baseball/softball field
 - TCS currently using baseball/softball fields afterschool for practices and games.

Veterans Park:

- Some of the grass is in rough shape. We're working on fixing it so it looks great for Veterans Day.

Staffing:

- Hired new Recreation Supervisor Corey Bullard. His first day was September 30. Corey grew up participating in NPB sports. He was a camp counselor for three years as well.
- Also hired three new Recreation Assistants: Dylan Grishaber, Patrick Ferguson, and Jenny Mallat.
- Open positions
 - 1 open Recreation Assistant position at Anchorage
 - 1 open Park Ranger position

Special Events:

- **Bus Trips:**
 - 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
- **Special events**
 - Cornhole Tournament at the Community Center
 - South Florida Cornhole helped put on the event for about 75 people.
 - Library staff were on hand to sell hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and sodas during our first cornhole tournament for Leisure Services.
 - Recreation staff cooked the food on the grill.
 - Friends of the Library were also present selling beer and all of the tips from both concession stands went to support the Friends in their fundraising efforts.
 - Touch-A-Truck
 - Saturday, October 8
 - Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Admission is free.
 - Watch firefighting demonstrations and get hands-on a variety of working trucks that make life possible in our modern world. Kids will enjoy sitting in the driver's seat of many different styles of BIG trucks and vehicles.
 - It's a great learning experience for kids and adults!
 - The Fire Safety Fair offers a great opportunity to see the equipment firefighters use and meet the people who train and work hard to keep our Village safe around the clock.
 - The goal of the event is to remind people to look, listen and learn, to be aware of fire danger and make a home plan for safely escaping a fire.
 - Note: No Sitting In/Honking Trucks First Hour.
 - Had about 1200-1500 people, good turnout.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Links 5k
 - October 29 at 7:30 a.m.
 - Location: North Palm Beach Country Club
 - 284 currently registered. Planning to max out at 400. Last year we had 350.
 - Mia St. John is helping with Packet pick up.
 - Rita Budnyk is volunteering on the day of.
 - Halloween Festival October 29th
 - This year we are going with a Pirate/Mermaid theme Halloween Festival!
 - Different from last year, this will be a 4-hour event and only be for one day. We will also be holding it at Anchorage Park and having a haunted pirate trail that winds through the Park rather than an indoor haunted house.
 - We will also be having hay rides, a petting zoo, an inflatable obstacle course, and lots of fun contests!
 - Food will be provided by Farmer's Table and various tent vendors such as The Salty Donut and Mystic Lobster Roll.
 - Veterans Day Ceremony
 - Tenth Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

- Friday, November 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
- Refreshments provided by FOL
- Keynote Speaker: Former U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Frank Drennan

Library:

- Facilities
 - Keyed up Fence replaced gate
 - Library drainage issue held up nicely during Hurricane Ian.
 - Library new shelving:
 - Expecting wooden shelving to arrive early November
 - 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
 - Four new café style tables have been ordered to replace the ones under the windows upstairs as well as the 2 self-checkout pods. Colors of both have been matched with the new shelves.
 - Remaining upstairs windows at the library have been resealed
- Children's Programming
 - We have four storytimes each week with an average of 33 parents and children attending.
 - Movie "More Than Robots" was shown in the Obert Room September 10th to a total of 25 students and parents.
 - We are starting a new children's art program once a month that will give young artists a chance to learn about different types of art and then create their own masterpieces!
- Teen Programming:
 - Teen volunteers are helping with daily tasks such as shelf reading and cleaning after school.
 - Monthly virtual book clubs are being held as they tend to reach more teens who may not be able to get a ride to the library for an in-person book club.
- Adult Programming:
 - Knit and Crochet meet every Monday with an average of 12 people
 - Great Courses is starting up again in October
 - Adult crafts have also taken a break until October and we are already preparing our Fall themed crafts!
 - Yoga with Mi Sun just started up again.
 - Book Club was held September 1st News of the World by Paulette Jiles
 - 12 Book club members enjoyed discussing the book over coffee
 - Senior Appreciation Bingo sponsored and presented by Dedicated Senior Medical Center was held for the third time September 14th
 - 14 seniors attended Bingo night!
 - Doors opened at 4:30 and game started at 5:00
 - Dedicated Senior Medical Center gathered gift cards and prizes for the winners and served hors d'oeuvres such as cheese trays, fruit, and sandwiches
 - Everyone had a fun time and are excited for our next Bingo event!
- Friends of the Library:
 - Friends Halloween Raffle basket has fun, spooky Halloween-themed items and a \$100 gift card to Target!
 - Raffle will be drawing October 15th
- Staffing

- Marelen Baylis became a library Clerk on October 1, 2022. At the library she has an opportunity to conduct children's programming, which she loves.
- Sabiha Sultana resigned October 3, 2022. The Library now has one open position.

New Business:

- **November's meeting date**
 - **Board voted to move next meeting date from the 8th to 15th because of the election.**

Old Business:

- **None**

Member Comments: None.

Adjournment: Stephen made motion to adjourn at 7:37pm. Seconded by Don.