

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP SESSION
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
AUGUST 9, 2018**

Present:

David B. Norris, Mayor
Mark Mullinix, Vice Mayor
Susan Bickel, President Pro Tem
Darryl C. Aubrey, Sc.D., Councilmember
Deborah Searcy, Councilmember
Andrew D. Lukasik, Village Manager
Len Rubin, Village Attorney
Melissa Teal, Village Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 8:42 p.m. All members of Council were present. All members of staff were present.

LAKESIDE PARK

Mr. Lukasik related the concerns expressed by residents at the July 26, 2018 Regular Session, which included parking management, alcohol use, illegal activities, smoking, large parties on the holidays, and deterioration of the park.

Mr. Lukasik briefly reviewed portions of the 1962 Lakeside Park Deed, 2006 Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Grant Agreement for Lakeside Park, and Florida Administrative Code, Rule 66B-2.

Mr. Lukasik reported the Police Department conducts directed patrols at the Park on weekends and intermittently on weekdays, when not on calls. Mr. Lukasik noted how few calls for police service at Lakeside Park have been received via dispatch. Mr. Lukasik related an increased emphasis on opening and closing the access gate promptly at dawn and dusk.

Mr. Lukasik presented options recommended by staff, including short-term continuation of directed patrols; greater public outreach to encourage incident reports; and limited on-street parking restrictions. Mr. Lukasik discussed challenges and drawbacks associated with other options, such as returning grant funds and maintaining the park for Village residents only, and/or implementing a parking pass system. Mr. Lukasik stated the Village is preempted by State Statute from regulating smoking in parks.

Members of the public addressed the Council to express their concerns and recommend actions to address park issues.

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Hodgkins clarified that Lakeside Park was not restricted to Village residents prior to the 2006 FIND grant. Mr. Rubin advised that every grant received by the Village from the state has the same public access requirement. Mr. Lukasik expressed that limiting parking at Lakeside Park and restricting parking on side streets adjacent to the park would help to manage capacity in the park.

Council discussion ensued concerning returning grants funds; instituting paid parking in the lot; increasing the fine for littering, erecting larger signs detailing park rules; and establishing a neighborhood watch. A suggestion was made to increase the visibility of residents in the park by encouraging a twice-monthly park cleanup. Council consensus was in favor of implementing parking restrictions, increasing the fine for littering, and erecting larger signs. An ordinance to amend the parking regulations will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Melissa Teal, MMC
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