

**Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES
May 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Anchorage Park**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Heiman at 7PM.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Stephen Poh (Superintendent of Parks and Recreation), Zak Sherman (Director of Leisure Services), Mia St John, Rita Budnyk, Christi Chane, Jennifer Gold Dumas, Ashley Knieriemen, Stephen Heiman, Deborah Searcy (Village Council Representative). Leigh Arwood absent (sick).
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Rita Budnyk makes the motion to approve minutes from April; Mia St John seconds. New members were introduced and gave brief backgrounds on themselves.
- 3) **Public Comments:** Public comments included concerns about recruiting volunteer coaches from the community who want to coach our youth sports and making sure everyone is aware of our yearly sports schedule. Public comments also included concerns about the berm/shoreline at Lakeside park, how the proposed dry storage facility at Anchorage Park will mesh with the revised master plan, whether there will be day trailer parking in place of the south storage (Lot #2), and whether the “no trespassing” signs will remain in place along the north side of Anchorage Park once the maintenance path gets completed (with the renovation of the dry storage facility).
- 4) **Director’s Report:** The director's report covered special events, including Earth Day and Arbor Day, updates on park improvements, library renovations, summer reading programs with free snacks and lunches for kids, summer camp sign-ups, and the recent tornado damage at the community center.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - Welcome to the Advisory Board- Staff and returning advisory board members welcomed new members and clarified their role as an advice-giving rather than legislative body.
- 6) **Tornado Update/Community Center-** The park suffered significant damage to its infrastructure, including field lights, fences, bleachers, outbuilding roofs, athletic turf, soccer goals, signage, and sand volleyball court. The playground equipment was not damaged by the windstorm, except for the shade structure on top. The building itself

came out okay. The athletic field company, landscaping company, and fence contractors worked hard to clear the damage caused by the storm. There were discussions about insurance coverage for damages incurred by the tornado and plans to replace damaged infrastructure at the park.

- **Help with Heritage Day-** The board discussed plans for next year's Heritage Day event and forming a subcommittee to focus solely on it; specifically, on the parade and possibly sponsorships. Kim P., Belinda M., and Karen M. all expressed interest in helping, as did Rita Budnyk.
- **Election of New Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary-** New officers were elected during the meeting, with Rita Budnyk as chair, Mia St John as vice chair, and Christy Chane as secretary.

7) Old Business:

- **Dry Storage Update-** An update was given on the dry storage project, which aims to fit all current boats, boat trailers and RVs onto the north side while converting south storage into day trailer parking. Plans have been made to fix the whole storage area by installing a new fence, gates, and landscaping around the perimeter. The cost estimate includes undergrounding of overhead lines at \$280k. The plan will maintain three lots with a six-foot-wide maintenance path along the back fence. Wooden poles laying on the ground fixed with rebar and painted yellow will be used to delineate spaces. There is discussion about changing the entryway to mimic future plans for square footage and entry/exit point alignment. Engenuity is still working on finalizing undergrounding plans with FPL.
- **Trail Lighting Update-** The park is updating the trail lighting around the entire parks asphalt walkway with a photometric study to determine how many lights are needed and where they should be placed. Brand new gooseneck type lights will be installed at higher locations to prevent them from getting hit as easily as the bollards. The update will include fitness equipment, brand new asphalt trail, and fixing up the kayak launch. FPL will take over all the lights once they are installed.

8) Member Comments: No additional member comments.

9) Staff Comments: No additional staff comments.

10) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ashley Knieriemen at 8:12PM; seconded by Stephen Heiman.