

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION**  
**HELD IN THE COURT ROOM AT 15 VANDERBILT DRIVE ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Robert Gal, Commissioner  
Spyro Dimitratos, Deputy  
Dina Burachio  
Marone Guriel  
Lee Korn  
Bennett Last  
Kara Mindel  
Mario Ranieri

**ABSENT**

Harriet Balbera  
Antoinette Capodanno  
Jennifer Weber  
Eileen Sarroff, Alternate  
Russell Solomon, Alternate

Also Present:

Xavier Cedeno, Tennis Pro

By Phone:

Michelle Sorise, Pool Director

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gal at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Lee Korn motioned to accept the minutes of March 4, 2025 as presented, seconded by Dina Burachio, and unanimously approved by those present.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees approved the rec staff, director and supervisor contracts. The Aquatic Solutions training dates will be May 9-May 11.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Gal reported that prepping the ground for the start of the gazebo project is a lot more work than anticipated due to discovering that the previous pump house structure was located in that area and underground foundation remnants had to be removed.

A decision must be made by Public Works as to whether the pool will be ready in time for the May 9 lifeguard training classes. Aquatic Solutions will use the Freeport Rec Center as an alternate location, in case the Village pool is not ready.

The completion of the installation of the chlorine generator is waiting for the sub-contractor to finish the final tie-in to the existing pipes.

The red clay and Har-Tru tennis courts are ready to open. Additional shade structures will be purchased for the courts.

**TENNIS EVENTS**

Kara Mindel presented the list of 2025 tennis events. Xavier Cedeno, the tennis pro, was in attendance to explain the events. A discussion ensued. The May cardio tennis event will be scheduled for 11am -1pm with one hour for women and one hour for men. If this format is well attended then the other cardio tennis events will be scheduled similarly.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Michelle Sorise, the pool director, gave a staffing update by phone. There is currently 1 new lifeguard and 22 returning lifeguards with 8 staying until the end, 4 kiddie guards with 1 staying until the end and 7 gate attendants with 4 staying until the end.

Commissioner Gal requested that an attendant be assigned a tennis court rotation on an hourly basis for this season.

### **WISH LIST**

Kara Mindel requested the purchase of a 2- step clay tennis court shoe brush. Two will be purchased and placed inside the red clay and Har-Tru courts.

The idea of finding someone to run the concession was revisited. Commissioner Gal explained that there is always an open invitation for an outside concessionaire to run it but there has been no interest from anyone to do it. A discussion ensued on having the Park Commission run it.

### **MEMORIAL WEEKEND BBQ**

The menu was discussed. The consensus was to order half the amount of veggie patties.

### **WATER AEROBICS**

Michael will handle the Sunday and Wednesday classes and Naomi will do Mondays.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at 7:30pm on the board room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Morrissey  
Park Commission Secretary