TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
Held on January 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Members Present: Peter Harris, Chair; Susan Watts, Vice Chair; Millie Dayton, Patricia Garvy, David Missner, Devon Roush, Carolyn Ryan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the October 23, 2025 Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Dayton and seconded by Ms. Garvy to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Watts and seconded by Ms. Dayton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

COMMENTS

2. OFFICIALS

Ms. Watts expressed appreciation for the upgrades to the front lawn and spoke regarding her attendance at the anniversary celebration.

Ms. Garvy thanked the Friends of Recreation for sponsoring the event and spoke regarding the anniversary celebration. She inquired when the new tennis rules will be distributed to the teams. Mr. Gaede responded.

Ms. Ryan commented on the anniversary celebration. She inquired about the shade structure being installed at the Recreation Center. She inquired about new merchandise, to which Mr. Bresnahan responded.

Mr. Missner complimented the staff on the work that they do.

Ms. Roush spoke regarding the shade structure and team tennis rules. She also asked about merchandise and Mr. Bresnahan explained the process on the Recreation merchandise rollout.

Chair Harris provided an overview on the report that he made to Town Council and spoke regarding the programs, especially tennis and Mandel Recreation Center activities.

3. STAFF

Mr. Bresnahan commented on the shade structure, capital projects and fund reserves. He spoke regarding having a small bay for the pros and explained that the Recreation Advisory Commission would need to direct staff to work on moving the project up on the priority list. He overviewed other capital projects occurring at this time and in the near future that are expended from reserves. Discussion ensued on the capital projects and a potential shade structure for the range. Mr. Bresnahan spoke regarding the 6th birthday celebration and expressed appreciation to Friends of Recreation for sponsoring the event. He introduced Tim Campbell, Golf Course Superintendent, who will be rotating meetings with Mr. Chateauvert.

Rance Gaede, spoke regarding activities at the Mandel Recreation Center. Ms. Garvy inquired about the pickleball courts at Phipps Ocean Park, to which Mr. Gaede responded. Ms. Dayton inquired about whether there are beginner-level clinics.

Tim Campbell provided an overview of the golf course activities and maintenance, including the new three-way roller.

4. PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Lawrence Kaplan, Ibis Isle Road, thanked the Commissioners for their work and thanked staff for the success of the tennis program. He spoke regarding the improvement of the conditions of the golf course. He spoke in support of a full shade structure for the golf course. He expressed concern over the location of the golf cart crossing. He stated that the Shore Protection Board is looking at the potential of sea level rise on the Par 3 Golf Course.

John David Corey, Australian Ave, thanked the commissioners and spoke regarding the viewing pavilion at the Mandel Recreation Center. He spoke regarding the Town working with the MPO on the golf cart crossing.

Dr. Ellen Howe, S. Ocean Blvd., spoke regarding pickleball and the opportunity to play at Phipps Ocean Park. Discussion ensued on how the pro could increase opportunities for residents to play pickleball. Mr. Gaede spoke regarding the pickleball interest list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PAR 3 PARKING LOT

Mark Bresnahan, Director of Recreation, stated the sign for the main clubhouse lot that states the lot is for golfers and restaurant patrons only has been installed.

6. FIELD LIGHTING

Mr. Bresnahan stated that this project is on an indefinite pause due to an issue with the height of poles. He stated that there is no need for action at this time. In response to a question, he stated that the Friends of Recreation would be the entity to resume this project.

Lew Crampton, S. Ocean Blvd., stated that this could be a Council initiative, as well.

Lawrence Kaplan, 2299 Ibis Isle Road, expressed disappointment with the lighting not being available.

Chair Harris provided background on what occurred with this project and stated that the Commission needs more information on whether these fields are serving the Town's residents.

NEW BUSINESS

7. NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING, RENOVATION OF EXISTING BUILDING, AND IMPROVED PARKING OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Bresnahan presented background information on this item. He explained why the project is important and displayed a visual representation of the project and explained the task list and project costs. Julie Parham, Deputy Town Engineer, provided further information on the project and discussed the consultants and their sub-contractors. Mr. Campbell provided additional information about the necessity for the project due to the need for storage. Mr. Bresnahan addressed questions on the potential parking spaces. Ms. Parham and Mr. Bresnahan provided timelines for the approval and construction process.

A motion was made by Ms. Garvy and seconded by Ms. Watts to approve moving forward with the new maintenance building project. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

8. MEETING SCHEDULE

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9. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Garvy and seconded by Ms. Dayton to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 AM. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Harris, Chair