TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
Held on March 12, 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

Staff Present: Mark Bresnahan, Rance Gaede, Tony Chateauvert, Dan Stover, Pat Gayle-Gordon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 29, 2026, Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Garvy and seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the Minutes of the January 29, 2026, meeting as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS

2. OFFICIALS

Ms. Garvy thanked the staff for a printed brochure and addressed some issues at the golf course. Ms. Ryan thanked the staff for their responsiveness to any concerns she has raised and offered suggestions regarding tennis, including a pavilion, broader merchandise offerings at the pro shop, more varied items at the Seaview Café, and bringing food from the Café out to the courts. Mr. Bresnahan spoke regarding launching an online store for tennis and Recreation merchandise and addressed Ms. Ryan's comments about a pavilion. Ms. Roush thanked the staff for the top-notch children's programs that they have created. Ms. Dayton echoed statements regarding merchandise in the pro shop. Ms. Watts thanked staff and spoke about the expansion of the pro shop and inquired about installing a water cooler at the courts. Dan Stover, Tennis Manager, responded to an inquiry from Ms. Watts about having a pros staffed during the summer. Ms. Garvy asked if a survey had been conducted regarding the tennis instructors, to which Mr. Stover responded. Chair Harris spoke about capital projects, including the pickleball courts at Phipps Ocean Park, and how to make them more appealing. Mr. Bresnahan and Rance Gaede, Assistant Director of Recreation, spoke about the slow growth in court use and the courts' visibility.

3. STAFF

Mr. Bresnahan expressed appreciation to Tony Chateauvert for his 15 years of service to the Town. He provided an update on several Recreation projects. Mr. Gaede thanked the commissioners and stated that the commissioners are always willing to answer staff questions. Mr. Chateauvert stated that it has been a great 15 years and gave an update on golf programs. Responding to Chair Harris, he provided an update on staff losses over the past few weeks, including Golf Superintendent Tim Campbell, who is leaving after 20 years. Mr. Bresnahan spoke regarding the recruitment and staffing of the pro shop at Par 3. Ms. Dayton also spoke about a recent teaching professional loss in Tennis. Mr. Bresnahan spoke regarding communication protocols when individuals are leaving employment. Chair Harris spoke regarding an email he received from a Team Captain. He spoke in support of holding at least four meetings a year so that individuals who want to speak about issues can come before the Commission. Mr. Stover responded to an inquiry from Ms. Dayton about the lesson adjustments and replacement plan for the teaching professional moving forward. Mr. Chateauvert and Mr. Bresnahan responded to an inquiry from Ms. Roush about the pricing structure for the greens fees and lessons.

4. PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No one indicated a desire to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion on Possibly Adding a Shade Structure at the Par 3

Mr. Bresnahan presented background information on the costs associated with Par 3 golf course projects. He presented an overview of the Golf Program budget and spoke regarding the proposed shade structure and what would be necessary and wanted at the Par 3. Mr. Chateauvert provided additional insight and answered questions. Discussion ensued about hiring a consultant specializing in this type of structure at a golf course.

A motion was made by Mr. Missner and seconded by Ms. Roush to hire a consultant to consider the Par 3 construction of the shade structure, with cost to be determined. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business discussed.

MEETING SCHEDULE

6. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Watts and seconded by Ms. Dayton to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Peter Harris, Chair