



# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

## MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

NOVEMBER 20, 1998

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - A meeting of the Golf Commission was called to order by the Chairwoman, Ann Herman, at 10:05 a.m. at the Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Gross and Mr. Maddock. Alternate members in attendance were, Mr. Ochstein and Mr. Raffo. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Shulman and Mr. Allen Shore. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Dytrych and Mrs. Walkowich. Mrs. Eileen Morris from the Seaview Park Commission was also in attendance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Herman made the following additions to the agenda. Under Old Business: Item B - 1999 Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament add #1 Recipients; add Item D - Spikes on Golf Course. Mrs. Herman asked for approval of the agenda with changes. Mr. Gross made the motion to approve the agenda seconded by Mr. Raffo, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 1998, MINUTES - Mrs. Herman asked for an approval of the October 23, 1998, minutes. Mr. Ochstein made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Gross, all were in favor.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS

### *A. Update on Proposed Merger of the Seaview Park & Golf Commission*

Mrs. Herman briefly explained what had occurred at the ORS Meeting held on November 17, 1998. She said that even though she was a big proponent of merging the two commissions, that after listening to the pros and cons we would be better off leaving well enough alone. She felt that we should leave the Golf Commission and the Seaview Park Commission as is. Mrs. Herman said that the advise she had been given was that the commission should pass a motion to go to the Town Council that we want to stay as is and get it to them as quickly as possible before their next meeting.

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After a lengthy discussion and a review of the revised ordinance by Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Ochstein made the motion that the Golf Commission recommend the new ordinance and proposed new commission. Seconded by Mr. Raffo all were in favor.

**B. 1999 Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament**

The following is a list of comments and recommendations made by the Golf Commission and staff members.

- Mrs. Stone said that the invitations were due to arrive today and that staff would try to get them mailed by the early December. She said that the Seaview Park Commission was enthusiastic about helping to sell tickets and get silent auction prizes.
- Mr. Maddock suggested that if anyone knew Mrs. Jane Grace that they contact her for her support of the tournament.
- Mr. Raffo said that he would speak with Mr. Ned Barnes from the Civic Association to see if we could sell spectator tickets at their next meeting.
- Mr. Bitzer reviewed the charitable solicitation permit. After some discussion Mr. Raffo made the motion to recommend the charitable solicitation permit as prepared by staff with the monies being split 60% to the Recreation Department and 40% to the Rehabilitation Center. Seconded by Mr. Gross, motion passed.
- It was decided that this year we would provide a map of the golf course with the parings sheet so that people would be better able to follow the pros and their foursome.

**A. End of Year Activity Report** - Mr. Dytrych gave the following end of year activity report:

|                        | <u>FY-97</u> | <u>FY-98</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Round of golf played   | 39,157       | 36,210       |
| Annual Permits         | 61           | 55           |
| Riding Carts Rented    | 7,804        | 6,808        |
| Pull Carts Rented      | 8,569        | 7,840        |
| Range Ball Bkts Rented | 19,678       | 18,824       |

Mr. Dytrych said that the reason numbers were down were two fold, heavy rains in February and March and the summer was so hot that people just didn't come out and play, so numbers were down for July, August and September. Mr. Dytrych said that play was also down at other courses in the area.

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Mr. Dytrych said that Mr. Austin Terico, Asst. Golf Pro had received an award from the Special Olympics for his work in providing a golf program at the Par 3. He said that the Lake Worth Girls Golf Team was practicing at the Par 3 and that in a combined effort between the Par 3 and the Rehabilitation Center, a small program was being run for handicapped players. He said that the Saturday clinic was such a success that they have started a Sunday clinic.

Mrs. Herman suggested that we try to draw in the older player since the course was perfect for them. Mr. Ochstein said that recently he was exercising at the J.C.C. and an elderly man next to him told him that he had belonged to several golf courses in the area and now he plays at the Par 3 because of the size of the golf course. Mr. Bitzer suggested that we might be able to get Mike Strauss, a writer for the Palm Beach Daily News to run an article for us.

***B. Use of Spikes on the Golf Course***

Mr. Dytrych said that during Thanksgiving weekend staff was going to do a survey of the players to see how many were still using spikes. He said that after the holiday we could look to go spikeless, but that we would have to give people time to get their shoes changed over. Mrs. Herman suggested that we get the tool to change the spikes. Mr. Ochstein said that he didn't feel we had the staff to do the job. He said that you can't expect the cashier to change the spikes, at the clubs it's the locker room attendant that does it. Mr. Dytrych said that you also had the expense of stocking the spikes because there's not just one kind.

After further discussion Mr. Bitzer suggested that staff would contact other municipalities to see what they were doing and that staff would report back to the commission at their next meeting.

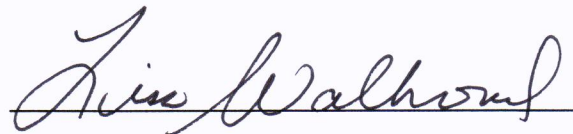
V. NEW BUSINESS - None

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Herman complimented staff on the condition of the golf course, stating that it looked beautiful.

Mr. Raffo said that other charitable organizations like the Red Cross or Heart Association want to run a golf tournament and they pay a course a fee to hold this tournament. He suggested that we should solicit some of these charities to hold their tournaments at the Par 3. Mr. Bitzer said that we did hold a charity tournament for the Junior League at the Par 3 and that staff would look into this suggestion further.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 11:20



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## ATTENDANCE RECORD 1998

|                     | 1/16        | 2/27 | 3/27        | 4/24        | 5/22        | 6/26 | *10/2       | 10/23       | 11/20                                    | 12/18 |
|---------------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. ANN K. HERMAN    | P           | P    | P           | P           | P           | P    | P           | P           | P                                        |       |
| 2. ARTHUR GROSS     | P           | P    | P           | P           | P           | P    | P           | P           | P                                        |       |
| 3. JAMES MADDOCK    | P           | P    | P           | E (legal)   | P           | P    | E (legal)   | E (funeral) | P                                        |       |
| 5. ALLEN E. SHORE   | P           | P    | P           | E (illness) | E (illness) | P    | E (illness) | P           | E (illness)                              |       |
| 6. STUART SHULMAN   | P           | P    | P           | P           | P           | P    | P           | P           | E (illness)                              |       |
| 7. JAY ROSSBACH JR. | U           | P    | P           | E (illness) | P           | P    | U           | U           | RESIGNED                                 |       |
| 8. MAX SCHORR       | P           | P    | P           | P           | E (illness) | P    | E (illness) | E (legal)   | Term expired asked not to be reappointed |       |
| ALTERNATES          |             |      |             |             |             |      |             |             |                                          |       |
| 1. RICHARD RAFFO    | P           | P    | E (illness) | P           | P           | U    | U           | P           | P                                        |       |
| 2. LARRY OCHSTEIN   | E (illness) | P    | P           | P           | P           | U    | E (illness) | P           | P                                        |       |
| 3. ARLENE THURM     | P           | P    | P           | P           | U           | U    | U           | RESIGNED    | RESIGNED                                 |       |

LEGEND: P = Present  
E = Excused  
U = Un-excused  
A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused or Un-excused"

\* Meeting not held - lack of quorum

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD 1998

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RESIGNED

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not to be reappointed

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LEGEND: X = Conflict

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