

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

JUNE 26, 1998

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - A meeting of the Golf Commission was called to order by the Chairwoman, Ann Herman, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Fire Station. The Commission members in attendance were, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Rossbach, Mr. Gross, Mr. Maddock, Mr. Max Schorr, Mr. Allen Shore and Mr. Shulman. Absent from the meeting were alternate members, Mrs. Thurm, Mr. Raffo and Mr. Ochstein. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Dytrych and Mrs. Stone.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Herman asked for an approval of the agenda. Mr. Maddock made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. A. Shore, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 1998, MINUTES - Mrs. Herman asked for an approval of the May 22, 1998, minutes. Mr. A. Shore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Rossbach, all were in favor.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. **Activity Report** - Mr. Dytrych said that to date 29,304 rounds of golf were played compared to last year's 30,193. He attributes the decrease to heavy rainfall in the month of March.
 - B. **FY-99 Budget Update** - Mr. Dytrych reviewed the suggested changes in fees that were recommended at the recent Finance & Taxation Committee meeting. These changes are attached.

Mrs. Herman asked if the recommendation to change the golf course from an enterprise fund to the general fund was discussed at the Finance & Taxation Committee meeting. Mr. Dytrych said that he didn't remember but that he would check with Mr. Bitzer. Mr. Shulman asked if the two commissions are merged how would that affect the golf course since the Seaview Park Commission is part of the general fund and the Golf Commission is an enterprise fund. Mr. A. Shore said that this question about an enterprise fund vs. the general fund was discussed last year and

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they left it the way it was. He said this is not an item that is going to be discussed at a Finance & Taxation Committee meeting but by the whole Town Council.

C. 1999 Pro-Am Golf Tournament Update -

- Mrs. Stone said that she was in the process of putting together information to do a mailing to the people who donated last year. She expected to have the mailing ready within the next week. She said that if any of the commissioners needed letters written to let her know and she would help them.
- Mr. Gross asked Mr. Shulman if he had sent out any letters for sponsors for the Tournament. Mr. Shulman said that he has contacted Mr. Lenny Lauren personally asking him to be a corporate sponsor and would be contacting him again in the near future.
- Mrs. Herman said that we need to go after Neiman Marcus now that they have been approved and they indicated an interest in getting involved in charity functions with in the Town.
- Mr. Rossbach said that he would like to get a list of people who donated last year and add to that list 10 or 15 other people and send those people letters from him.
- Mr. A. Shore said that he had a conversation with Mr. Leslie Shaw and that Mr. Shaw had a very good idea, to change the aspect of the tournament . He said that Mr. Shaw felt that the money should not go to the Rehabilitation Center but that we should set up a scholarship fund for Town employee's children. He said that Mr. Shaw felt that we would be able to get all the Town employees involved in raising funds for the tournament. He said that Mr. Shaw felt that it would appeal more to the residents of the Town, that they would be more interested in donating money to the employees of the Town rather than the Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. M. Schorr said that if all the Town employees were working on this it would make a difference. Mrs. Herman said that it sounds like a good idea but that she didn't feel that we would get more participation. Mr. Shulman suggested that we not drop the Rehabilitation Center as one of the recipients just change the percentage of the money donated, splitting it three ways instead of two. Mrs. Stone said that after reviewing the donors list from last year she wasn't sure that they would be that interested in helping pay for a Town employee's kid to go to college as they are when they see a child in a wheelchair who needs their help.

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Mr. A. Shore said that Mr. Shaw's idea is to sell this to the residents of this Town that they would be helping with programs at the Recreation Department and scholarships for kids and really make this a Town tournament. Mr. A. Shore said that Mr. Shaw's point was that improvements at the golf course that need to be done should be done by the Town. Mrs. Herman said "But they won't because we are an enterprise fund and not part of the general fund which is one of the reasons why we want to be part of the general fund." Mr. A. Shore said that Mr. Shaw felt that we should be raising money for purposes that were not Public Works projects. Mr. Shulman said, "And yet Leslie Shaw is the first one to tell you don't come to us for any money."

Mr. M. Schorr asked why do we give any money to Recreation, isn't that a Town operation? Mrs. Herman said that the money goes back to the golf course. Mrs. Stone said that all the money given to the Recreation Department from last year's tournament was spent at the Golf Course. Mr. M. Schorr said that he agreed that the money should go to a scholarship fund even more so than to the golf course. He said that we're helping the employees and that's a good cause. Mr. A. Shore made a motion that Russ discuss with the various Department Heads in Town their interest in becoming part of the golf tournament in order to provide scholarships for Town employees. Seconded by Mr. Shulman. Mr. Maddock said that it should say educational benefits instead of scholarships which could include employees and their children.

Mr. Shulman asked who would decide who gets the money. Mr. A. Shore said this was something the commission could do. That they set up a committee that would interview kids and decide who they wanted to give the money to. Mr. Shulman said that we might want to check into that. Mr. A. Shore said, "The Town Council would give us the authority to do it." Mr. Rossbach said that he felt that the scholarship selection should be left to Bill Crouse who is the Personnel Director, he would obviously know which employees were deserving. Mrs. Herman called for a vote on the motion, all were in favor.

- Mrs. Herman asked Mrs. Stone to please copy the list of last year's donors for everyone on the commission and include a note reminding the commissioners to call these people on the list. Mrs. Herman asked that at the July 14, 1998, Town Council Meeting that Mr. Shaw's idea regarding the scholarship be discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS - none

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VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Gross said that at the last meeting the commission discussed the condition of the parking lot at the golf course particularly the entrance. He asked if there had been any changes to the golf course driveway entrance. Mr. Dytrych said that this project was now a capital improvement project which would include regrading so the water doesn't collect, as well as curbing, re-grassing and resurfacing the parking lot, it should cost approximately \$29,000. Mrs. Herman asked if the Public Works Department was doing the project or an outside contractor. Mr. Dytrych said that some of the work would be done by Public Works and some by an outside contractor.

Mrs. Herman said that at the last meeting the commission discussed the possibility of getting a refund from the Public Works Department because of the lousy job they did on the parking lot the last time. She asked if we had gotten an answer to this request. Mr. Shulman said that Mr. Bitzer was going to look into it.

Mr. A. Shore said that he had spoken with Leslie Shaw the other day. He said that Mr. Shaw told him that he and some of the other Town Council Members feel that the Golf Commission is way off base. That we have absolutely nothing to do with what the Town does, it is not our business. He said that the Golf Commission was not set up to run this golf course that we are advisory. Mr. A. Shore said, "From their view point we are way off base in some of the things that we discuss and some of the things we do, because it is of no concern of ours." Mrs. Herman said, "Then why don't they tell us?" Mr. Shulman said that he agreed that the commission was advisory but that the commission can tell staff if we think something looks ugly or looks good. Mr. Shore said, "That's fine we can make those comments but to follow up on whether the trees are done or the pot holes are done, so on and so forth, is none of our business."

Mr. Rossbach asked when the commissions were going to be merged. Mr. A. Shore said that Mr. Shaw told him that as a courtesy they would wait for the Seaview Park Commission's concurrence which would not occur until the fall. Mr. M. Schorr asked if the commissioners were willing to accept that kind of position that maybe they could influence the Town Council to keep the two commissions. Mrs. Herman said that at a previous meeting the Golf Commission had recommended that there be one recreation commission instead of two. She said that it would save on staff time and because there wasn't enough for two commissions to do there would be plenty for one. Mr. M. Schorr said, "Does that mean that we would then have more influence, more power? Maybe we should approach it from a different aspect and say, look if your having a commission, give it some power, otherwise your just wasting a lot of time." He said "Maybe we should use a little power, why should this commission be different than any other." Mrs. Herman said that if you read the ordinances on all the commissions they are all basically set up the same way with the exception of Arcom and Code Enforcement. Mr. M. Schorr asked if any one had given the commission a reason why they should be in a different category than the other commissions. Mr. A. Shore said that the Golf Commission was not to be supervising staff and running the golf course, that was Mr. Bitzer's job. Mr. Shulman said, "Then what do we do then, just run a charity tournament?" Mr. Shore said

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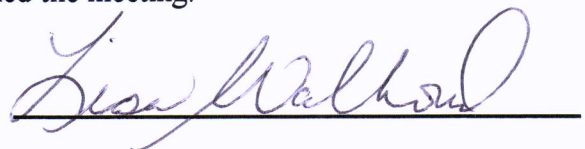
that the commission was supposed to make suggestions concerning play, maybe give ideas on how to sell more memberships, programs etc. that's our job. Mrs. Herman said, "That's part of it, but the golf course is in lousy shape." Mr. A. Shore said, "Then we make the comment. It's Russ' job to tell Rick what to do not us." Mr. Shulman said, "Your right but what if it's not done, then what do you do." Mr. Shore said that the line of authority is set up in a certain way and were not supposed to be involved in it, whether we like it or not. Mr. Shulman asked, "Is it written like that, I've never seen it written like that." Mrs. Herman said, "It's not written that way." Mr. M. Schorr said, "I think that we need to make some changes as far as our power is concerned, otherwise we can advise until the cows come home and they can throw it away." Mr. A. Shore said "They have the power not us, the Town Council has the power. We serve at their discretion and if they don't like what Public Works does it's there job to get after Public Works." Mrs. Herman said that the only way the Town Council was going to know was through the commission's minutes. Mr. A. Shore said, "Then Russ should tell them, that's his job not ours." Mrs. Herman said, "But we never get any response to what we have asked." Mr. M. Schorr asked if it was brought to their attention. Mrs. Herman said, "Yes, and I know because I have discussed it with several of the Town Council members who have read the minutes but we never get any response and I think its incumbent upon somebody to answer us once in a while."

Mr. Maddock said "I would like to make one comment with regards to Leslie Shaw. We know approximately what our quote function is but I think it somewhat insults our intelligence that if we make a recommendation and we go back and it still hasn't been done as far as our recommendation is concerned, and they turn around and say it's none of your darn business we'll take care of it when we want to, I think that's insulting our intelligence." Mr. A. Shore said that it depends what the recommendation is about. He said that the maintenance and daily operation is none of our business, it is not our business to run the golf course. Mrs. Herman said, "It doesn't make any difference, I think they owe us the courtesy to respond." Mr. Maddock said, "If we make a suggestion and they don't ever do anything about it and they don't respond to us, why don't they give us the courtesy to tell us it's not our business." Mrs. Herman said, "How many times have we asked about getting a refund from Public Works for the lousy job they did, and no one will give us an answer to our questions." Mr. A. Shore said that Mr. Bitzer was the one to get the answers from, not the Town Council. Mrs. Herman said, "Then we would like an answer at our next meeting."

Mr. Gross asked if the use of credit cards has increased at the golf course.. Mr. Dytrych said that yes, more customers were using credit cards because of the convenience. He said that recently in a day where \$4,000 was collected, \$1,500 was in charges.

Mr. Shore made the motion to cancel the July and August meeting, seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Herman adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Walchow", is written over a horizontal line.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULES

Golf Division

<u># UNITS</u>	<u>FEE CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PRIOR FEE</u>	<u>FY-98 EXISTING FEE</u>	<u>LAST DATE OF CHANGE</u>	<u>FY-99 PROPOSED FEE</u>	<u>FY-99 APPROVED FEE</u>
<u>Transition Rates (Nov. 1st - Nov. 30th)</u>						
862 *	Resident Green Fee	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00	5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
3,188 *	Non-Res. Green Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00	5/97	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
362	Res. Twilight Greens Fee (after 4:00 p.m)	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00	5/97	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
328	Non-Res. Twilight Greens Fee	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	5/97	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
781	Riding Cart - Double	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.00	5/97	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
207 *	Riding Cart - Single	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	5/97	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
63	Twilight Riding Cart-Double	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
24	Twilight Riding Cart-Single	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	5/97	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
1,435	Pull Cart	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	10/95	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
86 *	Resident 12-play ticket	\$130.00	\$ 140.00	5/97	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
58 *	Non-Res 12-play ticket	\$150.00	\$ 160.00	5/97	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
243	Range - Warm up bucket	\$ N/A	\$ 3.50	10/96	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
3,164	Large bucket	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	10/95	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

* Indicates classification with approved fee changes

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<i>Winter Rates (Dec. 1st - April 30th)</i>						
23	Annual Res. Single Permit	\$ 650.00	\$ 700.00	10/95	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
9	Annual Res. Double Permit	\$ 950.00	\$1000.00	10/95	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2	Annual N/R Single Permit	\$ N/A	\$ 950.00	10/96	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
5	Annual N/R Double Permit	\$ N/A	\$1350.00	10/96	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
1,814	Resident Green Fee	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.00	5/97	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
8,091	Non-Res. Green Fee	\$ 18.00	\$ 19.00	5/97	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00
543	Twilight Resident Greens Fee (after 4:00 p.m.)	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00	5/97	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
909	Twilight N/R Greens Fee	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	5/97	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
1,885	Riding Cart - Double	\$ 17.50	\$ 19.00	10/95	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00
583	Riding Cart - Single	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00	10/95	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
119	Twilight Riding Cart-Double	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
41	Twilight Riding Cart-Single	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	5/97	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
4,258 *	Pull Cart	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	10/95	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
148	Resident 12-play ticket	\$ 160.00	\$ 170.00	10/97	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
83	Non-Res 12-play ticket	\$ 180.00	\$ 190.00	10/97	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
513	Range - Warm up bucket	\$ N/A	\$ 3.50	10/96	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
9,270	Large bucket	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	10/95	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Comments:

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<u>SUMMER RATES (May 1st - Oct. 31st)</u>						
5	Semi-Ann Res. Single Permit	\$ N/A	\$ 200.00	10/96	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
2	Semi-Ann Res. Double Permit	\$ N/A	\$ 300.00	10/96	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
2	Semi-Ann N/R Single Permit	\$ N/A	\$ 300.00	10/96	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
	Semi-Ann N/R Double Permit	\$ N/A	\$ 400.00	10/96	\$ 400.00	\$400.00
1,892	Resident Green Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	5/97	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
6,476	Non-Res. Green Fee	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.00	5/97	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
460	Twilight Res Greens Fee (after 5:30 p.m.)	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	5/97	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
827	Twilight N/R Greens Fee	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	5/97	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
2,123	Riding Cart	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	5/97	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
815	Twilight Riding Cart	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	5/97	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
1,957	* Pull Cart	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50	5/93	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
14	Resident 10-play ticket	\$ 63.00	\$ 72.00	5/97	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
23	Non-Res 10-play ticket	\$ 81.00	\$ 90.00	5/97	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
217	Range - Warm up bucket	\$ N/A	\$ 3.00	10/96	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
4,185	Large bucket	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	5/95	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

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ATTENDANCE RECORD 1998

NAME	1/16	2/27	3/27	4/24	5/22	6/26	9/25	10/23	11/20	12/18
1. ANN K. HERMAN	P	P	P	P	P	P				
2. JAY ROSSBACH JR.	U	P	P	E (illness)	P	P				
3. ARTHUR GROSS	P	P	P	P	P	P				
4. JAMES MADDOCK	P	P	P	E (legal)	P	P				
5. MAX SCHORR	P	P	P	P	E (illness)	P				
6. ALLEN E. SHORE	P	P	P	E (illness)	E (illness)	P				
7. STUART SHULMAN	P	P	P	P	P	P				
ALTERNATES:										
1. ARLENE THURM	P	P	P	P	U	U				
2. RICHARD RAFFO	P	P	E (illness)	P	P	U				
3. LARRY OCHSTEIN	E (illness)	P	P	P	P	U				

LEGEND: P = Present
 E = Excused
 U = Unexcused
 A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD 1998

NAME	1/16	2/27	3/27	4/24	5/22	6/26	9/25	10/23	11/20	12/18
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ALTERNATES:										
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3. LARRY OCHSTEIN										

LEGEND: X = Conflict