

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

MAY 22, 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. Rossbach, Mr. Gross, Mr. Maddock and Mr. Shulman. Alternate member in attendance was Mr. Ochstein. Mr. Raffo joined the meeting at 10:10. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Max Schorr and Mr. Alan Shore due to illness and Mrs. Thurm. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich and Mr. Brown.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gross asked that under Old Business a question from the last meeting be answered. Mr. Rossbach made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Mr. Gross motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 1998, MINUTES

Mr. Gross made the motion to approve the April 24, 1998, minutes, seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - Mr. Gross asked what the \$19,091 charge was in the operating expenses this year, which caused operating expenses to be 100% higher than last year. Mr. Bitzer said that since the golf course manager had been made a full time employee he no longer received a percentage of the fees collected from the driving range. The Town purchased these driving range supplies at a fair market price in order to run the driving range.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ***FY-99 Proposed Budget Presentation - Mr. Bitzer***

The following is a summary of Mr. Bitzer's budget presentation as well as comments and recommendations made by the Golf Commission.

- Mr. Bitzer stated that the FY-99 proposed budget is down approximately \$92,850 or 11% compared to the FY-98 budget. This reduction is primarily due to :

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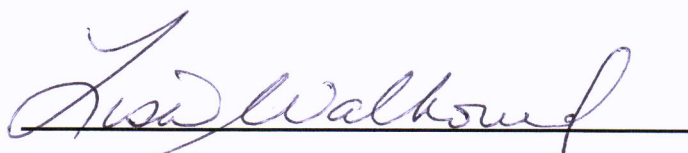
1. The reclassification of the Golf Pro-Manager from contractual to full time and,
 2. The re-tubing project (\$59,000) and the traffic signal (\$22,000) being completed in FY-98.
- Mr. Bitzer said that the Golf Course revenues are anticipated to increase from approximately \$667,000 in FY-98 to \$720,000 in FY-99 or an increase of approximately \$53,000 in FY-99.
 - Mr. Shulman asked if we could get credit for the work that was previously done to the Golf Course driveway entrance by Public Works, since they have not done a proper job in repairing this area in the past. Mr. Bitzer said that he would look into Mr. Shulman's request.
 - Mr. Rossbach made the motion that the winter rates should run from November 1st through April 30th. Seconded by Mr. Ochstein. Mr. Bitzer stated that the commission supported this fee classification (November & April rates) last year to remain competitive in the local area. Mr. Rossbach said, "If I'm staying at the Ocean Grand Hotel and paying \$400 or \$500 per day, and this golf course charges me \$17, or \$19 or \$22 is going to make no difference to me." Mr. Bitzer said that he would agree with that statement other than the majority of non-residents playing the course are not staying at the Ocean Grand they are from the surrounding areas such as South Palm Beach and Lake Worth. Mrs. Herman suggested that we should try what Mr. Rossbach was proposing and if we lost money then we could always change it next year. Mr. Shulman said "For each player that you lose, you will lose \$15.00 and for each one you get you will only get \$1.00. You will lose the non-resident." After further discussion the motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 1 against.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Raffo proposed to the commission members that the Golf Commission and the Seaview Park Commission be combined to form one Recreation Commission for the following reasons, 1. There was not enough for the two commission to do but that there would be plenty for one commission, 2. It would cut down on staff time having to prepare for and attend two commission meetings, minutes, etc., and 3. That one Recreation Commission would be stronger than two. After discussion on the matter Mrs. Herman made the motion that the Golf Commissioners propose that the Golf Commission and the Seaview Park Commission be merged into one commission. Seconded by Mr. Shulman, all were in favor. Mr. Bitzer said that he would bring the Golf Commission's recommendation to the Seaview Park Commission for their comments at their next meeting.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Herman adjourned the meeting at 11:30.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lisa Walkow", is written over a horizontal line.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD 1998

NAME	1/16	2/27	3/27	4/24	5/22	6/26	7/24	8/28	9/25	10/23	11/20	12/18
1. ANN K. HERMAN	P	P	P	P	P							
2. JAY ROSSBACH JR.	U	P	P	E (illness)	P							
3. ARTHUR GROSS	P	P	P	P	P							
4. JAMES MADDOCK	P	P	P	E (legal)	P							
5. MAX SCHORR	P	P	P	P	E (illness)							
6. ALLEN E. SHORE	P	P	P	E (illness)	E (illness)							
7. STUART SHULMAN	P	P	P	P	P							
ALTERNATES:												
1. ARLENE THURM	P	P	P	P	U							
2. RICHARD RAFFO	P	P	E (illness)	P	P							
3. LARRY OCHSTEIN	E (illness)	P	P	P	P							

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

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD 1998

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LEGEND: X = Conflict