



TOWN OF PALM BEACH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

I. [CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL](#)

A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on November 18, 2009, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stuart Shulman, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Mr. Stuart Shulman, Mr. Joseph Della Giustina, Mrs. Danielle Moore, Dr. Timothy Coffield, Mr. Daniel McDonnell and Mr. Timothy O'Hara. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Stephen Hall, Mrs. Pamela McIver and Mr. Donald Singer. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Henry Jamison. Staff members in attendance were Director Mr. Jay Boodheshwar, Assistant Directors Mr. Alan Brown and Mr. Rod Gardiner, Golf Pro Manager Mr. Rick Dytrych and Office Manager Mrs. Lisa Walkowich.

II. [APPROVAL OF AGENDA](#)

Mr. Shulman asked for an approval of the Agenda. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Della Giustina. Motion carried unanimously.

III. [APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, MEETING MINUTES AND OCTOBER 2, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES](#)

Mr. Shulman asked for a motion to approve the September 9, 2009, meeting minutes and the October 2, 2009, special meeting minutes. Mr. Della Giustina made the motion to approve the September 9, 2009 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Moore, all were in favor. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the October 2, 2009 minutes, seconded by Mr. O'Hara, all were in favor.

Mr. Shulman recognized Councilman William Diamond who was seated in the audience.

IV. [OLD BUSINESS](#)

A. [Par 3 Restoration Project Update](#)

Mr. Boodheshwar gave a brief update on the project. He stated that the grow-in process was complete and within the next week tee signs would be in place. He stated that new and returning staff members were in the process of training on the new tee sheet and point of sale system and final touches were being done in the pro shop. Mr. Boodheshwar announced that staff was in the process of planning a preview event for the

golf course that would take place on Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend from 11:00 to 4:00. He said that a press release would be issued, inviting the community to see the new golf course. He said that opening day will most likely take place the second week of December. There will be a small ceremony and the first tee time was going to be auctioned off. Mr. Boodheshwar said that Mr. Raymond Floyd will be invited to take part in the event.

B. [Catering Services Proposal for the Par 3 Golf Course](#)

Mr. Boodheshwar reviewed the selection process that has taken place to secure catering services at the Par 3 Golf Course. He said that at the last Town Council meeting, authorization was received to enter into contract with Aaron's Catering of the Palm Beaches, but Council had some concerns regarding non-golf related functions. The concerns included: 1. Impact to neighbors, 2. Compensation to the Town, 3. Parking, and 4. Review process for events. Mr. Boodheshwar reported that staff has had numerous meetings and reviewed all of these concerns and offers the following: Events should be limited to 200 people, parking should not be a problem because these types of events are after golfing hours and there is overflow parking in the maintenance parking lot as well as Phipps Ocean Park. The review process for approving non-golf related events would follow the Town's special event permitting process. Staff met with the neighboring condominiums who did not object to these types of events. Compensation for these events will change from a per event fee to a per person fee. After further discussion Mrs. Moore made the motion, recommending that Town Council approve non-golf catering services at the Par 3, seconded by Mr. Della Giustina, all were in favor.

V. [NEW BUSINESS](#)

A. [Review of Approved FY2010 Fees & Charges](#)

Mr. Boodheshwar said that at the October 2009, Town Council meeting staff was directed by Council to review the Recreation Department fee schedules with the Commission and discuss if a reconsideration of tennis fees was necessary. He reported that over the past several years, tennis fees have been maintained artificially low. Staff had not recommended raising fees to catch up with the market because of the inconsistency in quality of the two tennis facilities. Mr. Boodheshwar stated that it was staff's intention that once the Seaview facility had been renovated and both facilities were equal in quality, fees would be raised to be more in line with the market. He said that fees had been raised slightly last year and again this year by about 15%. Mr. Boodheshwar said that the implementation of a "maintenance and improvement fee" this season has been received by some tennis players as fees being raised significantly, since the fee is built into the costs advertised. Mr. Boodheshwar stated that at this time staff was not recommending a decrease in tennis fees. After some discussion, Mr. Della Giustina made a motion to leave the fees as presented to the commission, with the exception of the junior annual and daily fees. These fees should be changed to include college students, seconded by Mrs. Moore. After some discussion it was decided that any individual who had a valid college ID would be eligible for the junior rate to play. Motion passed, all were in favor.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

A. Winter Fest/25th Anniversary of Recreation Center

Mr. Gardiner announced that on December 17, 2009, the Recreation Department will be holding its annual Winter Fest, while celebrating the Recreation Center's 25th Anniversary. He said that in conjunction with the Winter Fest, the members of the Follies will be holding a reception/reunion that evening. Mr. Boodheshwar said that the commissioners will be receiving an invitation to the event.

B. November 2009 Staff Report

Mr. Boodheshwar asked the commission if there were any questions regarding the report that they had received. There were none.

Mr. Singer said that at previous meeting Mr. Shulman had asked him about his ideas for a cycling program in the Town. Mr. Singer asked to read the following excerpt from Geo cities into the minutes "The Palm Beach Lake Trail is extraordinary. It is a wide paved path restricted to pedestrian skaters and bikers. The trail offers beautiful views of the Intracoastal Waterway, downtown West Palm Beach and the homes on Palm Beach. Palm Beach founder Henry Flagler built the lake trail in 1894 as a place for his hotel guests to stroll. Along the lake trail you can see Flagler's first house from 1886 - Seagull Cottage, a large Kapok tree at 8 South Lake Trail, notable for its unusual roots and Flagler's White Hall mansion. Lake Trail runs about 5 miles north from the Publix area; drinking fountains can be found at the trail's beginning near the Quadrille bridge. At the northern end of the trail you can work your way northeast through the neighborhood streets to find a small public dock with excellent views of Peanut Island and the Lake Worth Inlet. There is a 10 mile speed limit on the trail. It is popular and sometimes crowded. Because it is Palm Beach many of the people using the trail are unusually well dressed and polite, visitors should dress and act appropriately. A second trail on Palm Beach runs about 1 ½ mile starting at Wells Road and runs along North County Road and ends at the Palm Beach Country Club. Another 3 mile path begins at Ibis Isle and runs south to the Town of Lantana". Mr. Singer said that it would be nice if we had a bicycle event that brings together the bike path and other recreational facilities. He said that, he would work on a concept and invited any other commissioners to help in the planning for a possible event next year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonnell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Della Giustina, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Shulman at 10:15 a.m.

