



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

September 13, 2000

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 13, 2000, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gross, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Silken, Mr. Schulman and Mr. Gavigan who arrived at 9:00. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Spaziani and Mr. Shore. Absent from the meeting was Mrs. Morris and Mr. Raffo. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Dytrych.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Spaziani made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2000, AND MAY 24, 2000, MINUTES - Mr. Spaziani made the motion to approve the May 10th and the May 24th Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, all were in favor.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. *18th Annual Palm Beach Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament*
 - Mr. Dytrych told the commission that this year's tournament would be held on February 3, 2001. He said that right now he did not see any conflicts with any other area tournaments or golf club events.
 - Mr. Shore said that he would try to get a donation from Nations Bank. Mr. Shulman said that he would try to get a donation from Citi Bank
 - Mr. Gardiner said that in April staff sent out a letter reminding donors to keep us in mind when doing their budget planning for next year. He said that staff would be sending out a letter to these same people asking for the donation and then following with a phone call some time in November/December.

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- It was decided that this year there would not be a silent auction. Any items donated would be used as door prizes, drawing from spectator tickets since that's where we do some of our best money making.
- Mrs. Coniglio suggested that we might want to offer a multiple hole sponsorship to the restaurants, charging each one \$50.00 and putting all the names on one hole sponsor sign. Mr. Shulman felt that was a good idea.
- Mr. Shore said that we were soliciting the same people year after year and that we needed to solicit new people. He suggested getting a list from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gross suggested getting the same list from the Royal Poinciana Group and South County Road Association.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Approval of 2001 Meeting Schedule* - Mr. Shore made the motion to approve the 2001 meeting schedule. Seconded by Mr. Spaziani all were in favor. (This schedule is attached).
- B. *Summer Fall Program Report* - This report is attached.

Mr. Bitzer reviewed the projects that had been done over the summer and ones that were going to be completed within the next few months. These projects included the parking lot and entrance to the golf course, re-sodding of the play area at the Recreation Center, the viewing room in the auditorium and the paver block project at the Recreation Center.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

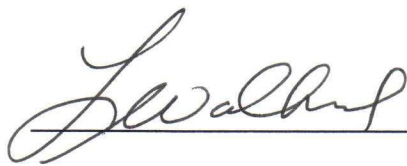
Mrs. Coniglio said it was her understanding that there had been some complaints about the condition of the golf course. Mr. Dytrych said that for the past 3 years there had been some problems with the greens and the over-seeding just wasn't working. This year he looked at the plan for the greens put forth by our superintendent. He said that he wasn't confident that the greens would be back in acceptable condition by October. Mr. Dytrych said that with Mr. Bitzer's direction and approval we hired a consultant. Dr. Ralph White from the University of Florida, He holds a PhD in agronomy has been to the golf course 3 times and has told us what we were doing wrong. He has constructed a program for us to follow. Mr. Dytrych said that staff has been following this new program since June 21st, almost 3 months and there has been a tremendous difference. He said, "It looks like we won't have to over-seed this year, we have coverage on the greens and we have totally changed

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our maintenance budget" He said that this will mean spending less on chemicals and the money saved just from the over-seeding alone will be \$12,000. Mr. Bitzer said that the money saved from the chemicals and over-seeding more than paid for the consultant. Mr. Gross and Mr. Shulman both said that the course has been looking great.

Mr. Shore suggested sending out a survey to residents asking them what type of programs they would like offered. Mr. Gardiner said that we respond to phone calls, track them and when there is enough interest, pursue instructors for the classes that are requested. He said that this year we were holding Spanish classes since we had so many requests from residents. Mr. Bitzer suggested rather than mailing out a survey, staff would attend the local association meetings to give out program information. He said that we could also put a statement in our brochure encouraging people to call with suggestions on classes that they might like. Mr. Shore suggested that when the residents vote this year the staff could hand out a flyer about the facility, let people know about the Recreation Center. Mrs. Coniglio said that people who are looking for activities will search us out. Mr. Ochstein agreed, he said that the Town Calender gets mailed out to every resident household and the recreation department is prominently displayed with information about the recreation programs including tennis and golf.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Gail Coniglio.



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Record of Attendance 2000

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/12	3/15	3/28	5/10	5/24	9/13	11/15
Gail Coniglio	E (illness)	P	P	P	P	P	
James Gavigan	P	P	E (legal)	P	P	P	
Arthur Gross	P	P	E (illness)	P	P	P	
Eileen Morris	E (illness)	P	P	E (illness)	U	A	
Larry Ochstein	P	E (illness)	P	P	P	P	
Stanley Silken	P	P	E (illness)	P	P	P	
Stuart Shulman	P	P	E (illness)	E (illness)	P	P	
<u>Alternate Members</u>							
Richard Raffo	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Michael Spaziani	P	P	E (illness)	P	P	P	
Allen E. Shore	P	E (illness)	E (illness)	E (illness)	P	P	

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

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