

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 2, 1999

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on June 2, 1999, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Morris Mr. Ochstein Mr. Silken and Mr. Shulman. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Raffo and Mr. Spaziani. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hay and Mrs. Walkowich.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Coniglio asked for an approval of the agenda. Mr. Gavigan made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Morris, all were in favor.
- III. OLD BUSINESS - none
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. ***FY-2000 Proposed Budget Presentation*** - Mr. Bitzer reviewed the Proposed FY-2000 Budget.
 - The overall combined budget for facility maintenance, tennis, youth and adult programs is up approximately \$64,000 or 8% compared to the FY-99 budget. The increase is due to the following reasons: the passenger van needs to be replaced, seaview park paving improvements and an increase in part time wages due to an increase in program participation which will be offset by corresponding increases in program revenue.
 - The FY-2000 projected expenditures for the golf course are estimated to be down approximately \$79,000 or 9% compared to the FY-99 expenditure budget. FY-2000 revenues are estimated to be up approximately \$60,000 or 8% above FY-99.
 - FY-99 first half revenues for the golf course was up 7% compared to FY-98, suggesting that the FY-99 financial action plan is working.

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- Financial projections indicate that golf course cash provided by operations (excluding depreciation) will have a positive cash balance of approximately \$44,000 at the end of FY-99 and approximately \$109,000 at the end of FY-2000. It is estimated that the golf course will be debt free in 2001.
- Mr. Shulman asked Mr. Bitzer to review the agreement with the golf pro-manager. Mr. Bitzer explained that Mr. Dytrych was an employee of the Town and was paid approximately \$40,000 per year to manage the golf course in addition he had a contractual agreement in which he receives 100% of lessons taught and merchandise. He said that Mr. Dytrych also pays the town an administrative fee of \$500.00 per month.

Mr. Shulman said, "We gain nothing from him, basically he has nothing to do with carts or balls which is ours. So if he wants to give lessons eight hours a day he is basically working for himself and doesn't work for the golf course. We get absolutely zero from him." Mrs. Morris said, "I'm a new golfer and I think we get a lot from him. I've taken other women down there that have never played golf before and are thrilled." Mr. Shulman said, "That's lessons and we don't get anything from lessons." Mrs. Morris said that her experience has been positive and it has brought new golfers to the course which in turn makes money for the golf course through fees.

Mr. Bitzer said that Mr. Dytrych manages the golf course and he is given specific projects and responsibilities that need to be done of which he is held accountable. He also oversees all the staff at the golf course

After further discussion Mr. Gavigan made the motion to recommend the approval of the Recreation Department FY-2000 budget as proposed by Mr. Bitzer, seconded by Mr. Ochstein all were in favor.

V. ANY OTHER MATTERS - none

VI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 by Mrs. Coniglio.