

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

May 24, 2000

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on May 24, 2000, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Gross, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Silken and Mr. Schulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Raffo, Mr. Spaziani and Mr. Shore. Absent from the meeting was Mrs. Morris. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Brown and Mr. Dytrych.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY-2001 Budget Presentation

Mr. Bitzer stated that the budget presentation booklet the commission received, summarized each of the program areas in recreation. Mr. Bitzer stated that the overall combined 2001 Proposed Seaview Park Maintenance, Recreation and Tennis Center Budget is up only approximately 1% or \$11,000 compared to the FY2000 budget. Mr. Bitzer summarized the information contained in the Proposed Budget Booklet.

Mr. Bitzer reviewed the tennis fees. Staff was recommending that the following tennis fees be increased: Annual Resident Adult Permit from \$200 to \$220, Annual Resident Family Permit from \$400 to \$440, Annual N/R Adult from \$375 to \$400, Semi Annual Resident Adult Permit from \$100 to \$110, Semi Annual Resident Family Permit from \$200 to \$220, Semi Annual N/R Adult Permit from \$187.50 to \$200 and Daily Resident Adult Court Fee from \$6.00 to \$7.00. Mr. Bitzer said that the fees being raised had not been raised since 1995.

The Commission made the following recommendations:

- Mr. Ochstein made the suggestion that the Daily N/R Adult Court fee be raised from \$10 to \$12. Mrs. Coniglio suggested that we have an in season and off season court fee like we have at the golf course. Mr. Shor suggested that in season fees should be from November 1st through April 30th.
- Mrs. Coniglio suggested that we should not raise the Annual Resident Family Permit, that it would discourage families from joining the tennis center. Mr. Shore pointed out that two adults would purchase single memberships for \$220 each, if we did not raise the family permit then two adults would only pay \$400 for annual memberships by purchasing a family permit.
- Mrs. Coniglio made a motion recommending the FY 2001 Proposed Seaview Park Maintenance, Recreation and Tennis Center Budget as presented with the change in the Daily N/R Adult Court fee be raised from \$10 to \$12 during season. Seconded by Mr. Ochstein, all were in favor.

Mr. Bitzer stated that the FY2001 Golf Course expenditure budget was estimated to be down approximately 5% or \$36,000 compared to FY-2000 and that the revenues were estimated to be up approximately 5% or \$34,000. It is estimated that the Golf Course Fund including all capital projects and depreciation will be debt free in the year 2003. Mr. Bitzer summarized the information contained in the Proposed Budget Booklet.

Mr. Bitzer reviewed the Golf Fees. Staff was recommending that the following golf fees be increased: Winter Rates (December 1st - April 30th) Riding Cart - Double from \$19.00 to \$20.00, Peak Season Rates (Jan 1st - March 31st) Range Balls Warm Up Bucket from \$3.50 to \$4.00, Large Bucket from \$5.00 to \$6.00. A new fee classification that is being proposed is a golf course maintenance and improvement fee of .50 per round of golf which would be charged to all players.

The Commission made the following recommendations:

- Mr. Shore made a motion that we charge the golf course maintenance and improvement fee of \$1.00 for every round of golf played. Seconded by Mr. Raffo, motion passed.
- Mr. Ochstein made a motion recommending the proposed FY-2001 Golf Course Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Raffo, all were in favor.

III. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Shor asked if we are going to do the survey for adult programs. Mr. Bitzer said that he would speak with Mr. Gardiner regarding a survey.

Mr. Shulman asked why the greens looked so bad. Mr. Dytrych said that with over-seeding, the transition to the summer is harsh on a golf course because of the winter grass dying out. He said that the goal was to get the greens back in shape over the summer so that we would not have to over-seed and then we would not have this transition period. Mr. Gross said that you also have to cut the grass lower to get rid of the winter grass and this is why it looks brown. Mr. Shulman asked how long this was going to last. Mr. Dytrych said that the staff checks the greens every day and have been cutting them more often. He said that the superintendent's prediction is that in approximately a month the greens should be fine.

Mr. Silken suggested that we create golf packages for the local hotels so that they may offer it to their patrons, specifically for large groups. Mr. Dytrych said that he would look into Mr. Silken's suggestion. Mr. Dytrych said that we will be advertising at the Brazilian Court, Palm Beach Hawaiian and the Chesterfield. We will be listed in their advertising as a preferred golf course. He said that we currently do work with the Ritz Carlton and Four Seasons to get their guests to play at the Par 3.

IV. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned by the Chairwoman, Gail Coniglio.