



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

March 15, 2000

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. on March 15, 2000, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Silken and Mr. Shulman. The alternate member in attendance was Mr. Raffo. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Spaziani and Mr. Shore due to illness. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Dytrych and Mrs. Walkowich. Also, in attendance was Mr. Morton Shor.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Coniglio asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. Mr. Gavigan made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Morris, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2000, MINUTES - Mrs. Coniglio asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2000. Mr. Gavigan made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Morris, all were in favor.
- IV. INTRODUCTION OF ROD GARDINER, RECREATION SUPERVISOR - Mr. Bitzer introduced Mr. Rod Gardiner, who was recently hired as the new Recreation Supervisor II. He told the commission that Mr. Gardiner had been hired to replace Mrs. Carolyn Stone who had recently resigned. Mr. Gardiner stated that he graduated from Western Illinois University with a masters degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration and was working as a Supervisor with Martin County Parks & Recreation for approximately 8 years. Mr. Gardiner said he has known the staff here, professionally, for several years and was thrilled to be working for the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Department.

V. OLD BUSINESS -

A. *17th Annual Town of Palm Beach Pro-Am Benefit Golf Tournament*

- Mrs. Walkowich gave each of the commissioners a report that showed an accounting of tournament revenues and expenses. (This report is attached)
- Mr. Gross asked that we save the list of people who won the door prizes next year. Mrs. Walkowich said she would make sure that next year the commissioners received a list of the people who won door prizes.
- Mr. Shulman suggested that next year we draw some of the door prizes during the opening ceremonies.
- Mr. Bitzer thanked Arthur Gross for collecting over \$11,000 in ticket sales, Mr. Morton Shor who raised over \$11,000 in hole sponsors, Mr. Shulman for the hole sponsors that he got, Mrs. Eileen Morris who helped out the day of the tournament working at our player check in table and Gail Coniglio for sponsoring a hole and helping out the day of the tournament. He thanked Mr. Spaziani for sponsoring a hole, Mr. Gavigan for playing in the tournament, Mr. Dick Raffo for playing in the tournament and getting hole sponsors and Mr. Silken for getting us hole sponsors. Mr. Bitzer thanked Mrs. Walkowich for all her help in coordinating the fund raising and Mr. Dytrych for serving as our tournament director. Mr. Dytrych wanted to thank the following ladies who have volunteered for the past 17 years. They are: Ann Clark, Arlene Bruck Thurm and Gloria Fryer. He also thanked Ray Huning who is 100 years old and has volunteered at the golf course for 18 years. Mr. Huning sells the spectator tickets the day of the tournament.
- Mrs. Coniglio asked if there were any recommendations for next year's tournament. Mr. Shor said that he suggested that we should start fund raising sooner, as early as July when businesses are preparing their budgets.
- Mr. Shulman suggested that we hire a professional fund raiser for the tournament next year. Mr. Shor said that they would be able to do more pre tournament publicity and possibly go after title sponsors. Mrs. Morris suggested that, whoever we hire should have experience in the field. Mrs. Coniglio asked how much this person would get paid. Mr. Shor said that he spoke with Mr. Ochstein who had been a professional fundraiser and that he would get 20 percent of the revenue and if he raised over a certain amount he would get 25%.

Mr. Bitzer said that he would like staff to look into the suggestion of hiring a professional fund raiser and get back with the commission at their next meeting.

- Mr. Raffo suggested that we look to join with a different charity instead of the Rehabilitation Center. For example, he suggested the Heart Foundation who has their own staff of fund raisers then we wouldn't have to hire someone.

Mr. Bitzer said that he was of the opinion that we currently have a very good arrangement with the Rehabilitation Center. He said that, they are more concerned with getting exposure than they are with the money. He also said that several of the pros play in our tournament because a portion of the money helps crippled children.

Mr. Gavigan asked if the staff was happy with the tournament and the money that was raised. Mr. Bitzer said that the department was very happy with the success of the tournament and the money that we receive.

- Mr. Silken said that he was going to New York to meet with representatives from the Manhattan Club to get them to donate a free weekend in New York, to include tickets to a show and dinner and Delta Airlines to donate the airline tickets. They seemed receptive to the idea provided that they received publicity during the event.
- Mrs. Morris made the motion that we look to get a title sponsor for the tournament and that staff look into the possibility of getting a professional fund raiser and bring this information back to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gavigan all were in favor.

B. Facility Improvement Project Update -

Mr. Bitzer said that he wanted to give the commission an update on the upcoming projects that were scheduled. He said the first one scheduled for this summer was the observation area in the auditorium which will give parents a place to sit and watch their children in class, the other side would be additional storage. The second project was a joint project with Palm Beach County School Board to replace the rusted fencing around the baseball field. The last project was installing paver block around key areas at the recreation center, all three projects would take place over the summer months.

Golf Course improvement projects include resurfacing of the east parking lot and re-paving of the front entrance for better drainage.

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VI NEW BUSINESS

A. *Winter Program Report* - This report is attached

VII ANY OTHER MATTERS

- Mrs. Walkowich stated that Mr. Shulman and Mr. Raffo's terms were due to expire in April 2000. She asked Mr. Shulman and Mr. Raffo if they were interested in serving another term. Both men said yes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT -

Mr. Gavigan made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spaziani, all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Walkowich", is written over a horizontal line.

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Record of Attendance 2000

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/12/00	3/15/00	5/10/00	9/13/00	11/15/00
Gail Coniglio	E (illness)	P			
James Gavigan	P	P			
Arthur Gross	P	P			
Eileen Morris	E (illness)	P			
Larry Ochstein	P	E (illness)			
Stanley Silken	P	P			
Stuart Shulman	P	P			
<u>Alternate Members</u>					
Richard Raffo	P	P			
Michael Spaziani	P	P			
Allen E. Shore	P	E (illness)			

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

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Conflict of Interest Record 2000

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest