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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 15, 2003

I. Call TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on January 15, 2003, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gail Coniglio, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Gross, Mr. Ochstein and Mr. Spaziani. Alternate member in attendance was Mr. Fishman. Absent from the meeting was Mrs. Morris, Mr. Shulman, Mrs. Agnello and Mr. Bone. Staff member in attendance was Mrs. Walkowich

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Coniglio asked for a motion for the approval of the agenda. Mr. Gross made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ochstein, all were in favor.

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2002, MINUTES - Mrs. Coniglio asked for a motion to approve the November 13, 2002, minutes. Mr. Ochstein made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Spaziani, all were in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

The commissioners reviewed the report. The following comments were made:

- Mr. Ochstein said the since Palm Beach Public School only has 14 resident children enrolled at the school, it should be noted that the recreation center and it's programs are more town serving than the school.

- Mrs. Coniglio stated that it was fabulous to see that the golf course revenue was up. Mr. Gavigan stated that he didn't realize that the revenue had dipped so dramatically from 2000 to 2001. He asked if there was a reason for this. Mrs. Walkowich said the attack on 9/11 caused a large drop in tourism but that more and more people were traveling again. Mr. Gross said the he and his wife were at the Ritz Carlton the other day and were told that they were booked.
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VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Coniglio said that she had received a letter from a Joseph Sanchez, Chief of Facilities Management for the Palm Beach County School Board which stated that since the Public School and the Town of Palm Beach were unable to reach an agreement for the new development of the campus and the project would be postponed for at least a year to allow the School Board to develop an acceptable plan and there is not at this point a plan to review. Mr. Gavigan said that he wanted to congratulate the Town Council, Mrs. Coniglio and the residents of the Town for going above and beyond and doing a great job in helping to maintain the green space for the recreation department. Mrs. Coniglio said that she appreciated all the help she received from the commissioners and residents. She said that in her mind the biggest issue was making the residents and the Town Council aware of how negatively the new school would impact the recreation center.

Mr. Gross asked if there were any numbers on how the new tennis facility at Phipps was doing. Mrs. Walkowich said that she did not have any actual figures but that she new they were very busy down at Phipps. She stated that Rose Carnicelli, Facility Supervisor ran a morning doubles mixer Monday through Thursday and that she had people waiting to get in. She said that she would get those figures for the next commission meeting. Mr. Gross asked if there was any definite plan to build an additional court at Phipps. Mrs. Walkowich said that at this time she was not aware of any plan for an additional court, but that this item would most likely be reviewed during the budget process for next year.

Mr. Fishman asked if anything was being done on the idea of turning the two hard courts into har-tru courts. Mrs. Walkowich said that this item would also be something that would be addressed during the budget process.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Record of Attendance 2003**

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/15	3/12	5/14	9/10	11/12
Gail Coniglio	P				
James Gavigan	P				
Arthur Gross	P				
Eileen Morris	A				
Larry Ochstein	P				
Michael Spaziani	P				
Stuart Shulman	A				
<u>Alternate Members</u>					
Milissa Agnello	E				
Bill Bone	E				
Ken Fishman	P				

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

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Conflict of Interest Record 2002

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James Gavigan					
Arthur Gross					
Eileen Morris					
Larry Ochstein					
Michael Spaziani					
Stuart Shulman					
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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest

**Program Report
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 15, 2003**

YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS

Youth:

Autumn Youth Programs were very successful. The pre-school and youth offerings all remain quite popular. The Winter Session began Monday, January 6, 2003 offering 19 classes that run 10 weeks which include a mix of arts, dance, karate, pre-school and various gymnastics type classes.

Adult:

Autumn Adult Programs were very well attended. We now offer language art, fitness/toning, self improvement, visual arts and investing classes. The Winter Session offers these 14 different classes and will run ten weeks.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM & CAMPS

We currently have 19 children enrolled in the after school program on a full time basis. Winter Break Camp was a tremendous success, both weeks ran at full capacity with waiting lists. The children enjoyed a myriad of fun activities and field trips. Spring Break Camp will take place March 10 - 14 and March 17 - 21, 2003. Registration for residents begins February 10th and for non-residents on February 24th.

ATHLETICS

- Winter sports are in full swing! We have a record setting 183 registered participants in our ever popular Soccer program. Our biggest increase this year was in our first and second grade group with 73 children enrolled. Itty Bitty Basketball started on January 9th with 19 registered participants.
- For those who want a little amusement, come out on Sunday, February 23rd at 10:30 for our annual parents vs. coaches game.

TENNIS

- The fall junior program, coordinated by Donna DeFrances, was a great success 101 juniors participated in the 12 week session from Labor Day to the Christmas holidays.

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- The Tuesday night mixer, run by Linda McDonald, Registration Clerk, has continued to be very popular.
- Our Senior Men's Team has just begun doubles competition in the Palm Beach County Senior League. Twelve to sixteen men ages 55 and up will participate in the 10 week season.
- We are at the mid point of the Women's League season. We have 68 ladies playing on 4 teams.
- We ran 3 well attended tournaments this past fall:

October - NCTA Adult Tournament - 62 players
November - Town Junior Championship - 33 players
December - Town Senior Championship - 13 players
- We ran 2 successful special events this season:
September - Parent/Child Round Robin - 15 Juniors paired up with a parent
December - Holiday Doubles Mixer - 24 players enjoyed the morning long round robin.
- At the Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Center, Rose Carnicelli, Facility Supervisor, continues to organize the very popular weekday morning doubles mixer.

Upcoming Events:

Town Doubles Championship - January 29th - February 2nd

Parent/Child Round Robin - March 1st
Town Singles Championship - April 3rd - 6th

GOLF

- Listed below is revenue figures for the first 3 months of the budget year (Oct, Nov, & Dec.) from 1997 thru 2002. Also listed are permit figures for the same period. What is significant is permits are down in 2002 from other years which means more daily play is happening. This is a good (GREAT) thing because permits are a one shot deal then the player only pays a maintenance fee (\$1.00). Our increase in play tickets and green fees which over a year would average much higher than a permit plus maintenance fee over a year.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revenue	\$179,356	\$170,635	\$160,753	\$174,851	\$138,335	\$181,756
Permits	\$30,000	\$28,000	\$26,300	\$26,400	\$28,000	\$19,600

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(Golf Continued)

Why Play is up

1. Course Conditions - Ralph White (consultant) thought we were on track for superior conditions
- II. Very aggressive advertising in the Palm Beach Post.
- III. New instructors bring in new golfers
- IV. Clinics and new Junior fees bring in parents and children

Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Tournament	100 players	January 26th
Divorce Open (Residents)	40 players	February 1st
Executive Women's Golf	75 players	February 8th
Notre Dame Alumni	40 players	February 28th

Special Events

- The Halloween Hauntings proved once again to be a very successful family

night out. We received many compliments on the quality of the event. All the ghouls, ghosts and monsters of all ages had smiles on their faces! Daddy Daughter Date Night will be Friday, February 7, 2003, at The Colony with entertainment by the Kenny Mondo Entertainment.