

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the August 13, 2019 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Maria Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Maria Cassidy, Chair

Bob Bell

Tim Hulihan

Don Grill

Chris Cantwell, Vice Chair

Mia St John

Paul Beach

Mark Mullinix, Village Council Representative

Russ Ruskay, Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Don Grill made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Bob Bell.

The motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DIRECTORS REORT:

Russ presented information on several projects as follows:

- Projects discussed included the renovation of the basketball courts at the Community Center, Anchorage Park back stop, Lakeside Park dune maintenance and new outdoor fitness equipment at the Community Center.
- Future projects discussed included dog park renovation and dry storage renovation.
- Russ gave an update on the following events: Fishing Tournament, Touch-Truck and the 5K run.
- Several operational issues were discussed regarding classes, staffing, programs and the Lakeside Park grant issue. Councilman Mullinix had concerns over the vegetation along the berm at Lakeside Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the recent Fishing Tournaments. Russ presented the budget for the event. The following suggestions and concerns were made by various board members: Food ran out; Next year, hold the captains meeting at the club; Attempt to secure additional sponsors in order to maintain the current level of prizes.
- The board discussed the north docks at the Anchorage Park Marina. The following recommendations were made: Add stairs to the sides of the retaining wall for pedestrian access; Add bumpers to the sides of the ramp; Grade and fill the area on the south side of the bulk head; Make sure the cleaning table stays operable.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tim made several comments and suggestions regarding the newly planted oak trees at Anchorage Park. He stressed the importance of an ongoing watering plan along with the proper staking of the trees.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mia discussed volunteer opportunities.
- Don suggested signage for kayak users not to park in spaces assigned for trailers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Don Grill and seconded by Bob Bell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Russell Ruskay, Director of Parks and Recreation.