

# Village of North Palm Beach

## Recreation Advisory Board

### Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### ROLL CALL:

Maria Cassidy, Chair

Paul Beach

Tim Hulihan

Don Grill

Chris Cantwell , Vice Chair

Mia St John

David Norris, 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 Tim Hulihan. The motion passed 6-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

#### DIRECTORS REORT:

Russ presented information on several projects as follows:

- Update on this year's Fishing Tournament. Bill Egan will attend the July meeting to coordinate event.
- Anchorage Park Marina, north side docks, is planning a July 1<sup>st</sup> opening.
- Waiting list update for both wet slips and dry storage should be completed by August and available at that time.
- Backstop at Anchorage Park should be installed by August.
- Resurfacing the trail at the Community Center is complete and new outdoor fitness equipment will be ordered.
- Grant agreements for Lakeside Park and Anchorage Park Marina, Phase II must be presented to the Village Council for final approval.

- All necessary playground repairs have been made and mulch has been added to the Osborne and Anchorage playgrounds.
- Funding to renovate the dog park at Anchorage Park will be requested in the FY2020 budget.
- Outdoor basketball courts at the Community Center will be renovated this fiscal year.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event will take place at the Country Club even though construction is ongoing.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Village Manager, Andy Lukasik, made a presentation to the board regarding the current conditions and pending grant for Lakeside Park. Andy addressed such issues as non-resident usage, security cameras, parking, crime stats and the proposed State grant to renovate the trail.

A lengthy discussion took place among the members on several issues pertaining to Lakeside Park. Issues discussed were outside rehab groups using the park, enforcement, boater usage and entry, extra police during peak hours, eliminating parking, shelter rentals, potential refund of existing grant dollars and funding for future projects such as the seawall renovation etc.

Andy requested that the board take a position on the current issue of non-resident usage of the park. Tim made a motion, seconded by Chris, that states: At this time, it does not seem practical to make the park private. However, we need to investigate alternative ways of addressing the issues brought forth by residents. Motion carried 6-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the new floating docks and proposed docks planned for the south side of the Marina.
- Russ is working on moving the 5K run to the golf course
- Don brought up the parking situation at the Community Center regarding the outdoor basketball courts and provided historical perspective.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Councilman Norris requested additional information on the Fishing Tournament sponsorship
- Board members stressed the importance of preserving the three big oak trees in Anchorage Park when the redesign of the dry storage area is done.
- Maria asked staff to investigate a "No Smoking" ordinance for the parks.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Don Grill and seconded by Chris Cantwell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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