

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the July 9, 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

Deborah Searcy, 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 7-0. Paul Beach asked that the June meeting minutes reflect that he was in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Hyman made several observations and recommendations regarding the new floating docks at Anchorage Park. Items discussed were the installation of rubber bumpers on the ramp, trailer wash etc.

DIRECTORS REORT:

Russ presented information on several projects as follows:

- Several projects were discussed, the renovation of the basketball courts at the Community Center, Anchorage Park back stop, Lakeside Park dune maintenance, new outdoor fitness equipment at the Community Center, and the replacement of the exterior doors at the Community Center.
- Future projects were discussed, dog park renovation, dry storage renovation, and the south side docks.
- Russ gave an update on several special events, Youth Summer Camp, July 4th, Touch-Truck, and the 5K run.

- Several operational issues were discussed, Parks and Recreation coordination with the Library's After School Program, extending Community Center and Anchorage Park Building hours, evaluating all youth sports programs, and the enforcement of permits at the Anchorage Park boat ramp.
- Russ updated the board with his meeting with Pat Brace regarding the current youth baseball scenario where the NPBCLL has pulled out of the Village. There is a desire for several youth baseball coaches to have the Village run its own program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Egan made a presentation to the board on the upcoming fishing tournament. Several recommendations were made by the board members and will be addressed by the Parks and Recreation staff. The event is scheduled for Saturday August 10, while the Captains meeting will be Friday night, both being held at Anchorage Park.
- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the ban on smoking in Village parks. Russ presented a program offered by the Palm Beach County Health Department to encourage a no smoking initiative through signage. This program is not intended as an ordinance. The Board recommended further research on this program and how it can be implemented throughout the Village Parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The board discussed various topics regarding the new floating docks at Anchorage Park. Several suggestions were made, adding bumpers on the side of the ramp, relocation of the Manatee sign, repair the cleaning table, addition of safety rails etc. Bob Bell was disappointed that the new path way was asphalt rather than a more user friendly material. Russ advised the board that all wet slip fees will be reviewed for FY 2020.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mia St John discussed volunteer opportunities.
- The issue of launching kayaks from the Marina was discussed. Tim Hulihan made a motion seconded by Bob Bell that any one that uses the ramp for launching their kayak needs a permit. A kayak can be launched using the non-ramp areas without a permit. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Don Grill and seconded by Tim Hulihan to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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