

Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Don Grill called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mark Mullinix, Councilman
Russ Ruskay, Director of Parks and Recreation
Chairman Don Grill
Vice Chair Maria Cassidy
Paul Beach
Bob Bell
Tim Hulihan
Chris Cantwell

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved after a motion by Bob Bell and seconded by Maria Cassidy

Public Comment:

Rita Budnyk addressed the group on several waterway issues. Her main concern was protecting the environmental condition of the Villages Waterways in lieu of the large boats and over extended docks. Councilman Mullinix assured her that the Village is taking proper steps addressing this issue and shares her concern regarding the protection of the environmental condition of the waterways.

Directors Report:

- Russ gave an update on several projects and grants.
- Update on this year's Heritage Day event. Several suggestions were made regarding the Heritage Day event. They included more food trucks, larger parade, more rides, putting green upgrade, and credit card availability.
- Addressed several projects such as back stop at the Anchorage Park field and the basketball goals at the Community Center.

New Business:

Russ updated the board on the terms that were expiring and the need to contact the Village Clerk if you desire to remain on the board. Lisa informed the board that she also applied for the new Environmental Board.

Old Business:

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the current boat and dock issues. Several board members contributed to the discussion all very similar in support of protecting the Villages waterways in regards to protecting the environmental conditions and over usage. The issue of large boats and overextended docks generated several members to comments. To summarize this discussion, the consensus of the board members was unified in their position. It was mentioned that the resent Village survey send out to residents caused more dissension on the issue and divided the community even more.

Councilman Mullinix stated that his was in favor of providing lifts rather than floating docks on the south side of the marina project. The board would like that issue to come back to them for further discussion and recommendation before a final decision is made. There was a consensus of the board to support bringing this issue back to them.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Russ Ruskay