

**Village of North Palm Beach**  
**Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes from the May 14, 2019 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Don Grill, Chair

Bob Bell

Tim Hulihan

Maria Cassidy, Vice Chair

Chris Cantwell

Mia St John

Russ Ruskay, Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Bell and seconded by Chris Cantwell. The motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Briggs addressed the group on several issues. These included the cost of using the driving range, payment process and the outdoor basketball courts at the Community Center.

- Expressed the opinion that the outdoor courts at the Community Center were not conducive to a family atmosphere.
- Offered to assist if and when the indoor court surface at the Community Center needed to be replaced.
- Suggested the cost of a bucket of balls at the driving range is too expensive compared to other ranges.

#### DIRECTORS REORT:

Russ presented information on several projects as follows:

- Update on this year's Fishing Tournament. Several suggestions were made regarding the Fishing Tournament, specifically regarding the selling of beer.
- Playground safety standards
- Backstop at Anchorage Park
- Resurfacing the trail at the Community Center
- Grants for Lakeside Park and Anchorage Park Marina Phase II

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Bell made a motion, seconded by Chris Cantwell, to elect Maria Cassidy as the new Chair. Maria Cassidy made a motion, seconded by Don Grill, to elect Chris Cantwell as the new Vice Chair. The Board voted unanimously to pass both motions.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the new floating docks and proposed docks planned for the south side of the Marina.

- Don Grill reported that the width of the new ramp will be wider than the old one. Don was concerned about the safety of the boaters in regards to the height of the seawall during low tide.
- Bob Bell stated that he was in favor of providing finger piers/lifts rather than floating docks like the ones recently installed on the north side of the marina. Bob referenced a study done by the Town of Lake Park on this issue.
- Maria stated she would like this 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. Russ stated he would insure the item's return for further discussion.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Don Grill stated he thought the attendance of the recent Food Truck Frenzy was lower than normal.
- Tim Hulihan felt the Village needs to a better job of advertising the special events.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Don Grill and seconded by Bob Bell to adjourn the meeting Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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