

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the June 9, 2020 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

Village Council Representative – Deborah Searcy

Stephen Poh, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Don Grill made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Bob Bell. The motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Stephen updated the board on several park projects such as Lakeside trash can replacement and clean-up of the berm. Also, the water test results came back from the Community Center athletic field with high traces of brackish salt water. Stephen stated that we are currently reviewing different options on fixing the irrigation water issue. Stephen also stated that council had decided to cancel the July 4th event due to concerns about the spread of COVID 19. Stephen mentioned that if CDC guidelines stay the same in August that the board will have to decide about any changes to the Fishing Tournament scheduled for Saturday, August 8th. The board decided to hold off until July meeting to make decision on Fishing Tournament.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Stephen gave an update on our current Summer Camp we are offering this year in a modified restricted manner.
- Stephen also updated on youth sports and our options once the County decides that we can start having restricted youth sports at athletic fields.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Stephen updated the board on current COVID 19 park openings and what is still closed.
- Stephen also reviewed the repairs that were made by Public Works on the banks of the Community Center trail. He spoke with a company about quote for repair to pavilion.
- Stephen notified the board that Russ has called and emailed the remote control car track owner about removing his items from behind the Community Center with no response. A certified letter was sent to the owner as well. The next step is to speak to Village Attorney on legal options.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Maria Cassidy sent pictures of damaged sidewalk area near Sun Trust bank on Lighthouse Drive to board before the meeting. Stephen notified the board that he spoke with Public Works about the location and was informed it was a storm drain issue that PW has in the budget to fix next fiscal year.
- Bob Bell and Don Grill spoke about the upcoming fishing tournament offering suggestions about changing the date if it cannot be done in August. But would most love to keep the same date and help with any necessary set up work that needs to be done. We tabled the discussion until the July meeting.
- Bob Bell wanted to give a huge thanks to the Friends of Lakeside and other residents that helped clean up the berm at Lakeside Park last weekend. He said the berm has never looked better. He also stated that the park has never looked better with the repairs to the trail, new benches, and clean-up of the berm.
- Paul Beach asked about getting shade at Lakeside playground. Stephen told the board that it is in the budget for next fiscal year to make repairs on playground and look into getting a shade structure.
- Maria Cassidy spoke about an update on the Dry storage project at Anchorage Park. Stephen informed the board that Russ will be going to Council meeting on June 25 to get approval for Village Engineer to render professional civil engineering. Russ will then come to the Recreation Advisory board meeting to review plans with board members.

Council Member Comments

- Dr. Searcy asked the board to share their ideas and suggestions on the Fishing Tournament event.
- Dr. Searcy brought up youth sports and if there was a plan to shift some sports around since we do have the time due to COVID 19. Stephen informed the board and Dr. Searcy that we have shifted some of the sports around to help with the wear and tear of the field and better preform maintenance. There will be one month off between our flag football and soccer season to perform maintenance and rest the field. There will be also 3 months during the summer which is the prime growing season for the field to recover as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Don Grill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tim Hullihan. Motion passed 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Stephen Poh, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation.