

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the September 10, 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 (excused absence)

Don Grill

Chris Cantwell, Vice Chair

Mia St John

Paul Beach

Susan Bickel, 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 Chris Cantwell. The motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Three residents addressed the board regarding the proposed fees for the marina.

Ms. Ponton made several comments pertaining to the proposed fee increase for the wet slips along with the condition of the south side of the marina. She also made mention of previous commitments by Village Administration regarding the plan to increase fees at a slower rate. Ms. Panton also made mention of not receiving a notice of the increases.

Mr. Kevin Ring discussed several items pertaining to the wet slips and dry storage at Anchorage Park. He did not support the proposed fee increases. He understood there were numerous open slips that could be rented out. He also made mention of the vacant spaces in the dry storage lots.

Mr Jerry Sullivan spoke on the newly constructed north docks and what a great benefit they were to the community. His opinion was the proposed increase in slip fees was still a bargain compared to other local marinas.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Russ presented information on several projects and special events as follows:

The Community Center outdoor basketball courts and fitness equipment, north docks, boat ramp stairs and bumper rails and several smaller park projects.

Upcoming special events are the Touch –A –Truck, Links 5k, Arts and Crafts Show and the grand opening of the Country Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The current and future plans for the Anchorage Park Dry Storage were discussed. Also mentioned was the need to fill the dry storage vacant spaces in an effort to not only provide services for residents but also generate additional revenue. Future plans call for eight foot wall, landscaping and security equipment. Russ will bring the conceptual plans back before the Advisory Board for their review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A lengthy discussion took place about the proposed marina fees and needed improvements on the south side. Russ explained the Village Council's reasoning on the increased fees along with the comments made by the current slip tenants regarding improvements for the south side.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Susan Bickel inquired about the maintenance of the grass at Anchorage Park.
- Chris Cantwell provided his new email address.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Bob Bell and seconded by Don Grill to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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