

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the November 12, 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 (excused absence)

Mia St. John

Paul Beach

Deborah Searcy, Village Council Representative

Russ Ruskay, Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Russ presented updates on the following projects, programs and special events:

- Projects – Community Center outdoor basketball courts, removal of the old cell tower building, new outdoor fitness equipment, exterior paint, exterior door replacement and several small park projects.
- Anchorage Park – boat ramp steps, volley ball court renovations.
- Lakeside Park – new fencing, swimming signs and berm maintenance.
- Special Events – Links 5K, Arts & Crafts Show, Country Club Opening, Hot Cars and Chili and holiday events.
- Marina – all the wet slips have been leased.
- Youth Sports Programs – the recreation department acknowledged there were some issues with the youth soccer program. Russ told the report that he is developing a new process to be used

by all Village youth sports program that will address the concerns and issues with this year's soccer program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Palm Beach County Parks Vaping Ordinance – per the request of Don Grill, Russ presented the Palm Beach County Parks vaping ordinance. After a lengthy discussion by the board, the consensus was to adopt the same type of restriction in Village Parks where there is a playground.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Russ updated the board on the dry storage renovation project. The Village Council reprioritized the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Budget to place a high priority on this project. The Village Council approved a State of Florida LWCF grant in the amount of \$200,000 to help fund the dry storage project. The Village match of \$200,000 is in the CIP budget. Russ will involve the board as this project moves forward. Bob Bell suggested the Village look at the wall that FPL constructed at the Manatee Lagoon in Rivera Beach as a potential for the dry storage. Don Grill recommended that the dry storage renovation plan an updated turn radius study.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Paul Beach suggested that the new tee ball program play at Osborne Park rather than Anchorage Park to utilize the concession stand.
- Mia St John commented on the Links 5k run and suggested that the children's Spook Run become part of next year's event..
- Maria Cassidy requested that the edges around the stairs at the boat ramp be rounded off for safety reasons.
- Discussion by the board on the location of swimming warning signs at Lakeside Park.

Council Member Comments

- Councilor Searcy questioned holding the Hot Cars and Chili special event on the grass at Anchorage Park. She also made mention of the lack of Village resident entry's into the car show. After a discussion and several comments by various board members, the consensus was to support holding the event once again at anchorage Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Don Grill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bob Bell. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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