

Village of North Palm Beach

Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Maria Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Maria Cassidy, Chair

Bob Bell – excused absent

Tim Hulihan

Don Grill

Chris Cantwell, Vice Chair

Mia St. John

Paul Beach

Village Council Representative – Debbie Searcy

Stephen Poh, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Stephen updated the board on several park projects such as renovation of clay baseball field at Osborne Park, Dog Park sodding at Anchorage Park, and Lakeside vegetation. Stephen also talked about the next special event upcoming which is a garage sale on Saturday, March 21. Stephen updated board about Heritage Day progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Stephen talked about the Anchorage Park Dry storage project that Russ Ruskay has taken over.
- Don Grill wanted to know how many actually spots will be in the new storage area and the size of each spot.
- The board commented that they wanted the wall to look like FPL building aluminum wall.
- Stephen will have Russ come to the next meeting to discuss more details about the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Stephen updated board with smoking in parks SB630 bill that is in the Senate right now waiting for approval.
- Public works completed the extension to the sidewalk behind the Public Safety building.
- Stephen notified the board that Russ sent out a letter to the remote control car track owner to remove his items from behind the Community Center.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Tim Hulihan stated that the fields at the Community Center are getting torn up because of unauthorized users on Saturday and Sunday playing soccer. The board discussed and voted 6-0 to curb the use of the fields to unauthorized users by recommending signs at the field that say "Field use by permit only". Debbie suggested that the board come to the next council meeting to discuss these actions with council.
- Don Grill suggested keeping the Community Center sign on the side of the building where it is located but moving some of the landscaping around to see it better. He also suggested some lighting for the sign.
- Don Grill also mentioned about removing old grills at the Community center in the back of the trail and adding some benches back there for patrons to sit on.

Council Member Comments

- Debbie commented on bringing the bench program back that we used to have for Lakeside Park.
- She also asked about having kids ride their bike in the Heritage parade.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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