

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
VILLAGE MEETING HALL
7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Chairman Joseph Zexter	Present
Vice Chairman Richard Valuntas	Present
Lynn Balch	Absent
Phyllis Katz	Absent
Brian Newsholme	Absent
John Ruffa	Absent
Tony Smith	Present
Jay Boodheshwar	Present
Mayor David Lodwick	Absent

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

Dr. Peterson, Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club, spoke to the board members for asking for their support in an upcoming fund raiser. The event will be held at Veterans Park offering a bar-b-que meal for purchase with proceeds benefiting national and international Rotary Clubs. These Rotary Clubs will in turn help the victims of the latest hurricane disasters.

Mr. Recchio, Director of Parks and Recreation, informed the board of a change in policy, whereas, any special event being held at a park facility will be presented to this board for their review prior to going to the TRC (Technical Review Committee) comprised of all department heads. They meet to review each application to consider the impact of the event on each department and conclude what is needed. The final determination is up to the council.

Dr. Peterson stated the impact on the Village would be the usage of their sound system at Veterans Park, facilitate parking, assist with advertising and provide staff for set up and clean up of the event. The event will be on a Sunday from 1:00-4:00 p.m., date TBA.

Board member Boodheshwar inquired as to what was policy as to groups using park facilities. Mr. Recchio stated in the past, only Village functions were held at park facilities. The Village is now opening it up to non-profit groups. As the economy has changed and more financial support assistance is needed from these groups, they will have the opportunity to hold these fund raisers.

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Jay Boodheswar made a motion for the Royal Palm Beach Rotary Club to move forward with the TRC application to hold a special event fundraiser, with the Village as a co-sponsor, to benefit national and international Rotary Clubs. Tony Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

DIACUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR \$200,000 THROUGH THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PHASE I OF THE ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMONS PARK.

Mr. Recchio spoke to the board on the grant application indicating these funds will help develop picnic facilities and pathways.

After a board discussion, Tony Smith made a motion for the Village to move forward with the FRDAP grant application process for \$200,000 for Phase I development of the Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. Richard Valuntas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR \$200,000 THROUGH THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PHASE II OF THE ROYAL PALM BEACH COMMONS PARK.

Mr. Recchio stated the Village can be involved with up to three (3) grants with FRDAP at one time.

After the board discussion, Richard Valuntas made a motion for the Village to move forward with the FRDAP grant application process for \$200,000 for Phase II development of the Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. Jay Boodheshwar made a motion and the vote was unanimous.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING IN WILLOWS PARK BY THE ROYAL PALM BEACH YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.

Mr. Recchio gave the board an overview of this project. He stated it is in its infancy and he wanted the board to be informed. The RPBYP, Inc. has offered to construct a small support building for officials to hold meetings as well as some storage for trophies. The building will be located near the existing restroom facility due to the cost of utility hook ups. They will have to go through the same process as any resident doing construction and will be subject to the same codes and inspections. They will not go through the bid process and will be giving in-kind services. Once the building is completed, it will become the property of the Village. Mr. Recchio stated there are some concerns to work through as this is

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the first time the Village has worked with an outside group in this undertaking. It is not known if the youth association will want exclusive rights to the building. If this is the case, there is the concern of who will pay for the utilities. Mr. Recchio stated this project may be a stepping stone for future endeavors with other non-profit groups at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park and primary providers at other park sites. The code will also ensure the construction is in line with other facilities for paint color, etc.


DISCUSSION OF FEES AND CHARGES

Mr. Recchio stated this discussion will be delayed as the Village just learned of a \$15 Village fee that is being charged to the participants in Royal Palm Beach Youth Baseball, Inc. The Village needs to get more information as the fee was \$5 in past seasons. There is also an outstanding invoice to RPBYB, Inc. for the last tournament held in the Village. Mr. Recchio stated the board will address this at another meeting.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Zexter thanked everyone for attending that enabled the board to address the grant applications and other pertinent actions.

Adjournment.


Board Chairman Joseph Zexter


Secretary