

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 12, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Carolyn S. Stone, Director of Business Development and Operations

Re: Fiscal Year 2020 Recreation Department Equipment Replacement – Turf Mower
Request for General Fund Contingency Allocation

Date: October 31, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of a general fund contingency transfer for the purchase of a new mower for the Seaview Park athletic field. The estimated cost is \$9,000.00.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The previous reel mower was disposed of at auction in July 2018 (for \$3,656.00) just prior to handing over the Mandel Recreation Center and Seaview Park Improvements project area to Hedrick Brothers Construction. The mower was then no longer needed and had already been fully depreciated by November 2015, but was kept in service until the commencement of the work. Depreciation was \$27,500. By disposing of the mower in July 2018, it was not placed on the asset schedule for FY2019 when the Recreation Department Enterprise Fund (REF) was broken up. As a result of the mower not being on the asset schedule, the depreciation was not moved into the Equipment Replacement Fund. Instead, those funds became part of the undesignated fund balance (when the REF was broken up into various activities). Consequently, the purchase would need to come from general fund contingency.

It has been determined a rotary mower would be best suited to the new turf material. This type of mower is substantially less expensive than a reel mower (purchase cost and ongoing maintenance).

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

A General Fund Contingency allocation is requested in an amount of not to exceed \$9,000.

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance
Rod Gardiner, Assistant Director of Recreation
Tim Campbell, Golf Course Superintendent
Ed Fiondella, Recreation Supervisor