



Meeting Name: Town Council
Meeting Date: March 26, 2025
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Item Title: Special Event Request – 2025 Tilapia & Cichlid Rodeo Roundup for Pelican Lake

BACKGROUND:

Staff received a request for a special event from Ms. Diana Davis, President of the Juno Beach Ecology Group, for a fishing tournament designed to reduce the number of invasive fish species (Tilapia and Cichlid) at Pelican Lake on Saturday, April 26, 2025. **This event is a recurring event in Town at the same location at Pelican Lake, but since the applicant is a Councilmember it is being placed on the regular portion of the agenda.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The time of this event will be from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm (including setup and breakdown time) at Pelican Lake in Juno Beach (please refer to the attached site map with numbered locations). There will be approximately 30 participants and approximately 6 employees/volunteers working at this event. There will be 5 teams of 5 anglers, ages 6 to 16. Up to 15 parking spaces will be utilized at the Town Center lot or Mercury Road. As stated in the applicant's cover page, the applicant's responsibilities include: ensuring the tournament is supervised by an experienced tournament director that ensures all professional fishing tournament regulations and safety standards are adhered to, educating participants on how to identify the target species (Tilapia and Cichlids), requiring all participants to comply with professional fishing norms, ensuring no music or loud noises occur during the morning hours, ensuring no debris of any kind are left behind, parking will be on a first come basis, and verifying all participants have the necessary state licenses, if needed.

The tournament activities will take place on shore at numbered fishing stations around Pelican Lake. A tent and table will be set up at the north end of the lake for participants to sign in, weigh fish, and receive prizes.

The applicant will be charged the permit fee of \$100 and a \$500 Security Deposit for this event based on the adopted attached fee schedule for Off-Site Special Events. This fee and deposit do not include costs for outside assistance by Police, or any other necessary support. **In 2023, Town Council waived the required costs for Police and Public Works, staff recommends that the fees continued to be waived.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Town Council consider the request for the special event proposed in Juno Beach as stated above, subject to the applicant being responsible for the application process of the special event and all conditions and requirements following said application, including any additional agency reviews/approvals/fees.

Attachment(s):

1. Juno Beach Off-Site Special Event Application.