



**Town of Hilton Head Island  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**Present from the Commission:** Ray Kisiah, *Chairman*; Jack Daly, *Vice Chairman*; William Zurilla; Jerry Okarma; Thomas Dowling; Christina Kristian; Mike Manesiotis

**Present from Town Staff:** Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*; Aaron Black, *Facilities Manager*; Taylor Ladd, *Project Manager*; Karen Knox, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

**Present from Town Council:** David Ames

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Kisiah called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**3. FOIA Compliance** – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

**4. Roll Call** – All members were present.

**5. Presentation of the Town’s Crystal Award to outgoing Commissioner Jerry Okarma**

Josh Gruber presented the Town’s Crystal Award to outgoing Commissioner, Jerry Okarma.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

- April 21, 2022

Commissioner Kristian moved to approve. Commissioner Manesiotis seconded. The Minutes of April 21, 2022, were unanimously approved.

## **7. Appearance by Citizens**

Public comments concerning agenda items were submitted electronically via the Open Town Hall HHI portal and will be made part of the official record.

Mr. Frank Soule, Island Recreation Association advised the Commissioners on the following:

- Senior programs are going well.
- The pool has been extremely busy especially since the Bluffton pool has been closed.
- Summer sports camp registration is going well. Coach Payne is doing his All-American Football Camp which everyone is excited about.
- Low Country Celebration Park is going to be excellent as a Special Events Park. The Oyster Fest will be back there again.
- The Mother-Son event was very successful.
- Summer Jams will be starting next month as well as Party in the Park.

Mr. John Parsons representing the Eco-Heritage Advisory Coalition spoke to the Commission regarding environmental issues and historical issues and the Sea Islands Eco Heritage Trail.

Mr. Alex Cruden, President of Hilton Head Island Pickleball Club spoke to the Commission about Pickleball Courts.

## **8. Reports**

### **9. Unfinished Business**

#### **a) Town Parks Overview, Part 2: Neighborhood, Sports and Special Use Parks – Taylor Ladd**

Taylor Ladd reminded the Commission this presentation is about our current park system with a review of the adopted recommendations that are in the Master Plan and Our Plan. A park is classified based on the types of amenities it provides, its size, service area and how it is accessed. Classifying parks is integral to the planning process. Ms. Ladd reviewed Neighborhood Parks (Greens Shell Park and Old Schoolhouse Park (Adrianna Lane); Sports Parks (Crossings Park and Bristol Sports Arena, Barker Field and Extension and Cordillo Tennis Courts; Special Use Parks which include Honey Horn, Historical Mitchelville Freedom Park, County Boat Ramps and Docks and Beach Parks. After her presentation, Ms. Ladd answered questions posed to her from the Commission.

## **10. New Business**

#### **a) Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review: Introduction – Taylor Ladd**

Taylor Ladd reviewed with the Commission the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review process and went over the Purpose, Vision, Goals, Workbook and Scorecard and the Next Steps, along with the Vision for the Master Plan Review.

Ms. Ladd advised the Commission staff is putting together a Workbook and a Scorecard that the Commission will receive prior to the next meeting. It will be a working document that includes a list of all the recommendations and action items as they are organized in Our Plan with notation on prior input from the community.

Ms. Ladd advised that staff will be doing a survey during the Commission's summer recess. The survey this summer will be short and very directed to obtain specific input that relates to what we want to know.

Chairman Kisiah thanked Taylor for doing this and stated there is still a lot more that folks would like to see. To do that we need to make sure we understand where we are, not only in a timeline, but through that process.

## **11. Updates**

### **a) Staff Report – Taylor Ladd**

Taylor Ladd advised the Committee that May is National Bike Month. The next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> followed by summer recess. The Workshop for Mid-Island was cancelled earlier this month and will be rescheduled. The best way to stay updated is to subscribe for the monthly CIP Newsletter. The FY23 Budget is moving through the process.

## **12. Park Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Kisiah thanked Mr. Okarma for his service and expressed appreciation for staff's work for the Commission.

## **13. Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen D. Knox, Secretary

Approved: June 9, 2020