



# **The Town of Hilton Head Island Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

**Thursday, June 10, 2010**

**3:30 p.m. – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers**

## **AGENDA**

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**As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**  
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of April 8, 2010
- 5. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda**
- 6. Reports**
  - a. Update from Island Recreation Association
  - b. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Updates**
  - a. Sailing & Rowing Center
  - b. Recreation Feasibility Study
- 10. Park Commissioner Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

**Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more Town Council members attend this meeting.**

**The Town of Hilton Head Island  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Thursday, April 8, 2010  
3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Daniel Gafgen, Jack Hamrick, John McCann, Robert Moore, P. Jeffrey North, Timothy Singleton, Marc Stuckart

**Members Absent:** none

**Town Staff:** Nicole Dixon

**Other:** Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*; Mary Amonitti

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**III. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE**

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**IV. USE OF THE CELLULAR TELEPHONE**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 11, 2010 were approved as presented.

**VI. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS**

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. Update from Island Recreation Association.** Mr. Frank Soule distributed the latest brochure of youth and adult programs. The seafood festival takes place at the end of this month. The Island Recreation Association participates in the Verizon Heritage.

- Wingfest – the turnout was great.
- Eggstravaganza – over 1,000 visitors
- Met with County regarding the management of scheduling of parks moving forward so we can begin July 1, 2010.
- Working with Commissioner Singleton to develop a better partnership with Gator football to help expand and improve programs, utilize resources, coaching resources. Will set up a new advisory committee to improve the quality of programs and bring more people into it.

**B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works.** none

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Soccer/Sports site** – Mr. Wayne Quinlan stated that he wanted to share a vision about the future of recreation and leisure opportunities. A state of the art multi-sport facility to host tournaments could potentially pump millions of dollars into the economy. There are grants available from the U.S. Soccer Association. GSM – Global Soccer Ministries builds facilities here and abroad using synthetic turf fields. GSM has offered significant financial help. There are approximately 10 full size soccer fields on Hilton Head Island.

Some key points:

- GSM would offer significant financial help.
- This facility would be for a wide range of sports.
- 3.3 acre per soccer field – that's the vision. Total 30-40 acres.
- GSM would have a lease agreement for a period of time – league play, tournament play. GSM does not want to own the property only to play a role in managing it. Charge a fee / operating fees.
- Interested in Hilton Head Island because of location.
- There is tremendous potential for this area - a park like this is possible here.
- Partnership between municipalities. We need to bring in at least 2 of 3 municipalities in the area as well as USCB.

Commissioner Singleton suggested talking to Mr. Frank Soule, SCAD and with Beaufort County School District.

Commissioner Moore stated that Beaufort County owned land might be a viable concept for a regional facility that would also include swimming.

Commissioner Stuckart inquired about the maintenance and repair of synthetic surface. Mr. Quinlan replied that there are annual maintenance requirements to the synthetic turf.

Chairman McCann stated that Beaufort County is putting together a task force to research creating regional facilities.

Mrs. Mary Amonitti introduced herself to the Commissioners and stated that she is running for Town Council Ward 4 this year. Mrs. Amonitti said she is very interested in what goes on in our parks and always tries to promote activities. Mrs. Amonitti announced that she has been invited to Washington, DC on April 28, 2010 to have lunch with the First Lady.

## **X. UPDATES**

## **XI. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chairman McCann requested that the following two items be placed on the May Parks & Recreation Agenda:

- Review of outstanding park facilities discrepancies.
- Update on the rowing and sailing center.

Commissioner Singleton stated that the 167 discrepancies at some point needs to become a priority.

Commissioner North made a motion to recommend that Town Council consider discussion with Beaufort County suggesting that the Town take over the maintenance and repair of parks. Commissioner Gafgen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
John McCann, Chairman

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