

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, January 8, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Leslie Ford, Daniel Gafgen, Joseph Kopf, John McCann, P. Jeffrey North, Marc Stuckart

Members Absent: Archer Crose

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Nicole Dixon, Marcy Benson, Mike Roan

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*

Media: Daniel Brownstein, *Island Packet*

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 9, 2008 were approved as presented.

IV. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS

None

V. REPORTS

A. Update from Island Recreation Association. Mr. Frank Soule handed out the latest brochure of the Island Recreation Center and stated that this brochure is also printed in Spanish. Mr. Soule reported on the following:

- Snow Day will be January 24, 2009 at Shelter Cove Community Park.
- Oyster Roast was a huge success.
- Thanksgiving Day Race was a great event with a big turnout.
- Turkey Tennis also had a large turnout.
- Senior Programs doing well, focusing on health and fitness and more social events as well.
- Soccer season ended in the Fall with over 750 people playing soccer.
- Basketball has a large amount of participants.
- Dome up and over the pool, the repairs held up well.
- 100 people a day using the swimming pool between Christmas and New Years.

- Concern about sponsorship level over the next 24 months. Child care and related programs may take a down turn.
- Mr. Soule asked that the Island Recreation Association budget be placed on the February 12, 2009 Parks & Recreation Commission agenda.

Chairman Kopf complimented Mr. Soule on taking care of the high school over the weekends, the Share Programs and that he and the staff are doing a great job and it is appreciated.

B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works – no report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Usage of Chaplin Tennis Courts: Mr. Frank Soule reported that a citizen had sent an e-mail complaining that there were no public tennis courts available at Chaplin Community Park when he wanted to play tennis with a group of friends in mid-December. Mr. Soule and others from the Island Recreation Center responded to the citizen by providing the schedule that shows when the courts are available and also providing options of other open tennis courts around the Island.

B. Discussion of a North Island Dog Park. Mr. Mike Roan and Mr. Charles Cousins provided information on cost and other responsibilities involved in creating a dog park. Chairman Kopf and Commissioners agreed to table this issue until the citizens that made the request to have another dog park on the Island are able to attend a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting with a plan.

VIII. UPDATES

A. 2008 Grant Summary. Ms. Marcy Benson presented a summary of grants that were awarded in 2008, grants applied for in 2008 and are still pending, and grant applications that were either denied or withdrawn.

IX. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen O'Brien

Approved by: _____
Joseph Kopf, Chairman