

The Town of Hilton Head Island
Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Boes, Fred Lowery, Jerry Okarma, Mike Ray, Caroline Rinehart

Members Absent: Ray Kisiah, Mario Caballero

Town Staff: Marcy Benson, *Sr. Grants Administrator*; Charles Cousins, *Director Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director Public Projects & Facilities*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*

Other: Frank Soule, *Executive Director for Island Recreation Association*;
Frank Babel, *Bicycle Advisory Committee, Greater Island Committee*

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Freedom of Information 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

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting minutes of March 15, 2018 were approved as presented.

5. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda – Several residents addressed the Commissioners on the need for dedicated pickleball courts. They thanked the Commissioners for sending a recommendation to Town Council supporting the creation of additional pickleball courts. Chairman Ray suggested the residents attend Town Council meetings and voice their requests.

6. Reports

- **Island Recreation Association Update.** Mr. Frank Soule presented a brief video displaying a variety of the successful programs and festivals.
- **Hilton Head Island Recreation Association FY19 Funding Request.** (*Commissioner Fred Lowery recused himself*)

Ms. Susan Hughson presented the funding request. This year's request takes into account the Association's efforts working with the Town to open a state of the art Recreation Center expansion along with the remodeling of the 31-year old current Recreation Center and the updating of the only public pool in our community.

The general fund support request to the Town is \$844,073. If approved, the Town would fund 31% of the Association's overall revenues for the operations budget in FY19. The

Association's budget is built upon an operational history, along with the estimation of increased revenues and expenses with the opening of the new Recreation Center. The request also includes a new part-time position of a Therapeutic Recreation Leader to work with special needs participants.

Commissioner Okarma made a motion the Parks & Recreation Commission recommend to Town Council the approval of the Hilton Head Island Recreation Funding Request for FY19. Commissioner Boes seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- **Bike Advisory Committee Update.** Mr. Frank Babel reported on the success of the Second Annual SE Biking Symposium held in March. Mr. Babel stated the focus of the HHI Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2018 is to take actions that will enhance the February 2019 League of American Bicyclists bicycle friendly community application.

7. **Unfinished Business** - none

8. **New Business** - none

9. **Parks Updates**

Mr. Scott Liggett stated that a proposal was submitted to Beaufort County regarding maintenance of recreation facilities on Hilton Head Island. Mr. Liggett stated he has not been informed of the status of this proposal.

10. **Park Commissioner Comments** – none

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: June 14, 2018
Michael Ray, Chairman