

The Town of Hilton Head Island
Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 12, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Kisiah, Mike Ray, Caroline Rinehart, Jerry Okarma, Jack Daly, Paul Boes

Members Absent: none

Town Council: Kim Likins, Mayor Pro-Tem

Town Staff: Marcy Benson, *Sr. Grants Administrator*; Charles Cousins, *Director Community Development*; Jennifer Ray, *Planning & Special Projects Manager*; Julian Walls, *Facilities Manager*

Other: Frank Soule, *Executive Director for Island Recreation Association*;

1. **Call to Order**
Chairman Ray called the meeting to order at 3:40 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. **Presentation of the Town's Crystal Award to Commissioner Fred Lowery.** Kim Likins, Mayor Pro- Tempore, thanked Mr. Lowery for his service and commitment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
5. **Swearing in Ceremony for New and Reappointed Commissioners.** Kim Likins, Mayor Pro- Tempore, performed the swearing in ceremony for new Commissioner Jack Daly and reappointed Commissioner Paul Boes.
6. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.** Commissioner Ray nominated Commissioner Kisiah for Chairman. Commissioner Okarma seconded the motion. Commissioner Kisiah accepted and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ray nominated Commissioner Boes for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Okarma seconded the motion. Commissioner Boes accepted and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **Approval of Minutes**
The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting minutes of May 10, 2018 were approved as presented.
8. **Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda** – Mr. Perry, resident and long-time supporter of recreation on Hilton Head Island, suggested a 9-hole public golf course at Planters Row.

The Hilton Head Pickleball Association as well as residents of Hilton Head Island addressed the Commissioners on the need for dedicated pickleball courts. Recently the basketball courts

at Chaplin have been striped to convert them for pickleball. A schedule will need to be set to reserve those basketball courts for pickleball use and appropriate signage will need to be put up. After some discussion the Commissioners will place this item on the August Parks & Recreation Commission agenda.

9. Reports

- **Island Recreation Association Update.** Mr. Soule presented a video of the Island Recreation Expansion project and invited the Commissioners to come out for a tour. Mr. Soule stated summer camps going very well, July 4th fireworks and summer jams very successful.

10. Unfinished Business –

11. New Business

a. Discussion of workshop sessions. Ms. Ray presented a proposed workshop schedule and topics to be covered at each session. Ms. Ray stressed that this is a very aggressive schedule and may require scheduling special meetings in order to complete this project by December. Ms. Ray gave background information on the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

b. Mission of Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Okarma stated this Commission needs some structural way we communicate with the Town Council. On a regular basis we need a communication link with the Town Council so they know what we are doing. Chairman Kisiah stated the Parks & Recreation Commission mission statement reflects exactly what we are supposed to be doing. We need to take a fresh look at what we are doing and have it professionally looked at. We are on the right path; it will take homework and hard work to make it happen.

12. Parks Updates - none

13. Park Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Daly announced congratulations are in order for the Hilton Head 8U All-Stars, the 2018 Youth AA Machine Pitch State Champions. Chairman Kisiah thanked Commissioner Ray for his work as Chairman this past year.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: August 9, 2018
Ray Kasiah, Chairman