



Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present from the Commission: Ray Kisiah, Paul Boes, Jack Daly, Mike Ray, Caroline Rinehart, Thomas Dowling

Absent from the Board: Jerry Okarma

Present from Town Council: William Harkins, Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford

Present from Town Staff: Marcy Benson, Taylor Ladd, Chris Darnell, Scott Liggett, Julian Walls

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 mailed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

4. Swearing in Ceremony for New Commissioner Thomas Dowling

Mr. William Harkins, Mayor Pro-Tem performed the swearing in ceremony. Mr. Harkins thanked all the Commissioners for their service to the community.

5. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of September 12, 2019

Commissioner Ray made a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting minutes for September 12, 2019. Commissioner Rinehart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Appearance by Citizens –

Mr. Alex Cruden, President, Hilton Head Island Pickleball Club, announced the launch of a fundraising campaign for a public pickleball center on Hilton Head Island. Mr. Cruden invited the Commissioners to come out and experience pickleball at the Island Recreation Center.

A Hilton Head Island resident spoke in support of installing turf fields at our parks. Chairman Kisiah stated this Commission is in the process of creating a Parks & Recreation Master Plan and turf fields will be included as a recommendation. Chairman Kisiah encourage this resident to go to the Town's website and fill out the Community Survey for the Town of Hilton Head Island's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and spread the word to others.

7. Reports

a. Island Recreation Association Update

Mr. Soule reported on the following:

- Recently hosted a successful lacrosse clinic,
- 600 participants in fall soccer,

- Swim meets, water aerobics, pools very busy,
- Received a grant from the garden club,
- Partnership with Pockets Full of Sunshine to provide inclusive social and vocational opportunities for adults with special needs; we have created a membership package,
- Food Truck Friday on October 11 from 3pm to 7pm
- Jeep Island on October 11th & 12th at Honey Horn Plantation

8. Unfinished Business –

a. Update on Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Taylor Ladd stated during the month of October, the Town of Hilton Head Island will be hosting an online community survey for its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This link is on the Town's website. The survey will be in English and Spanish and postcards will be mailed to 750 households randomly selected with equal distribution across the Town Wards.

Ms. Ladd reported the Mayor has requested to have some initial recommendations prepared by November 15th for the Town Council workshop. The Parks & Recreation Task group will meet November 6th to review initial recommendations from Lose Design before forwarding to Town Council. The Task Group will meet November 20 to review survey results.

In December-January Lose Design will work on drafting the Plan. The Task Group will meet as needed to review the draft plan for incorporation into Our Plan.

9. New Business

a. Proposed Parks & Recreation Commission 2020 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Rinehart moved to approve the proposed 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Ray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Park Updates

a. Celebration Park Update

Mr. Chris Darnell presented an aerial map of the construction site and described in detail each element of the park and the progress of each element of the park. The park will be completed in two phases. The entire park is expected to be complete in August 2020.

11. Park Commissioner Comments

Chairman Kisiah requested an update on CIP items at the November Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

12. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: Eileen Wilson, Secretary

Approved: November 14, 2019