



Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present from the Commission: Ray Kisiah, Caroline Rinehart, Jack Daly, Thomas Dowling, Jerry Okarma, Mike Ray

Absent from the Board: Paul Boes

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

Present from Town Staff: Marcy Benson, Taylor Ladd, Jennifer Ray, Shawn Colin

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. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of November 14, 2019
The minutes of November 14, 2019 were approved as presented.

5. Appearance by Citizens –

Mr. Alex Cruden, President of Hilton Head Island Pickleball Club, stated fundraising efforts so far have raised \$50,000 for a pickleball center that this Commission has endorsed.

Mr. Frank Babel announced a new Beaufort County bike/pedestrian task force was formed yesterday. This task force will develop a plan for bike/pedestrian facilities throughout Beaufort County. One of the elements will be to connect all the parks around the County.

6. Reports

a. Island Recreation Association Update. Mr. Frank Soule presented a video showing events at the Island Recreation Center. Mr. Soule invited the Commissioners to a ribbon cutting for the playground on January 7, 2020 and celebrating the one year anniversary of the grand opening of the Island Rec Center.

Mr. Soule reported on the following:

- Fall sports are wrapping up and now heading into winter sports.
- The fitness center memberships are increasing.
- Winter swimming has begun.
- Senior Center membership continues to grow.
- The OysterFest last month was a big success.
- The Turkey Trot sold out; the 5K race has great support.

- b. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update.** Ms. Taylor Ladd reported the consultant, LOSE Design, will complete a draft report before the end of this month. Town staff will conduct a preliminary review of the draft report. The next step will be a combined meeting to include the consultant, the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Task Force and Town staff in late January/early February to review and discuss the draft report. The final report will come to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a recommendation to Town Council.

Ms. Jennifer Ray reported on the recent Town Council Workshop. Ms. Ray reported there was overwhelming support for parks and recreation in our community. Ms. Ray thanked the Commissioners for their work and support of recreation in this community. Ms. Ray stated Town Council is open to the Planter's Row tract for parks and recreation needs and they will discuss a funding source and potential referendum at their January meeting.

- 7. Unfinished Business** - none
- 8. New Business** - none
- 9. Park Updates** - none
- 10. Park Commissioner Comments** - none
- 11. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Eileen Wilson, Secretary

Approved: 2/13/2020