



Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting (Virtual via Bluejeans)
Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 3:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Present from the Commission: Ray Kisiah, Jack Daly, Jerry Okarma, Joseph Monmonier, William Zurilla

Absent from the Commission: Thomas Dowling

Present from Town Council: Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford

Present from Town Staff: Taylor Ladd, Shawn Colin, Julian Walls, Teresa Haley

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of October 8, 2020. Commissioner Okarma made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020. Commissioner Zurilla seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizen Comments

Public comments concerning agenda items were submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal. The public comment period closed at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th. All comments were provided to the Parks & Recreation Commission members for review and made a part of the official record.

Citizens were provided the opportunity to sign up for public comment participation by phone during the meeting. There was one request from citizens to speak on the agenda.

Mr. Frank Babel addressed the Commissioners stating over the summer the bike rental businesses ran out of bikes due to the high demand. Bicycle / car crashes were down 50% through August. Mr. Babel reported the Beaufort Task Force he is a part of identified routes and pathways throughout Beaufort County and these routes and pathways will be consolidated into transportation plans/bicycle plan into all Comprehensive Plans for towns off island as well as Hilton Head Island.

Chairman Kisiah thanked the pickleball folks for their comments and they will be included in the record.

6. New Business

- a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan update – Taylor Ladd Ms. Ladd gave a brief presentation with the following highlights:
- 214 responses to the Parks & Recreation Survey since October and the survey remains open until November 16th.
 - 3 virtual meetings were held in October providing the community with information about the project and how to participate.
 - High interest for sports facilities, bike/ped facilities, sports tourism and improvements for Barker Field, Hilton Head Park and Beach Parks.

Community input will help with the next level of conceptual planning for the three major parks. Input will provide content for drafting the RFP to hire a consultant and give Town officials guidance on where to focus our Capital Improvements Plan and policy for parks and recreation over the next several years. The community was involved from the start and therefore all input has been aligned with Staff's priorities. Town Council adopted the Master Plan on October 20, 2020 to be The 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Ladd stated she will provide more detail information to the Commissioners at the December Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Ms. Ladd encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Open Park Day on November 19th at Shelter Cove Community Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and to encourage everyone to take the survey.

- b. Island Recreation Association Update – Frank Soule
- Mr. Soule gave a brief history on the beginnings of the Island Recreation Center. Mr. Soule reported that the year started off very well with membership numbers up and the playground opening. Everything was shut down for a few months. We reopened in mid-May. We are a virtual site for the school. We have been scheduling Jarvis Park and the Sailing and Rowing Center following strict guidelines. The pool and fitness center are open following the guidelines. Programs are slowly building back up. The Town has been a great support and that took a lot of stress off our Board.

Chairman Kisiah sent congratulations to the Lady Seahawks Champions!

7. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: Eileen Wilson

Approved: January 14, 2021