



# The Town of Hilton Head Island Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016  
3:30 p.m. – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

## AGENDA

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As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Freedom of Information Act 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. **Swearing in of new commissioner Mr. Michael Ray**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of October 8, 2015
6. **Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda**
7. **Reports**
  - a. Update from Island Recreation Association – Frank Soule
  - b. Update from Bicycle Advocacy Committee - Frank Babel
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Committee volunteers for park user-survey workgroup update
  - b. Committee volunteers for Beaufort County Proposal workgroup update
  - c. Committee volunteers for citizen recreational wants workgroup update
  - d. Committee volunteers for revising the Parks & Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure workgroup update
9. **New Business**
10. **Park Updates**
11. **Park Commissioner Comments**
12. **Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more Town Council members attend this meeting.

**The Town of Hilton Head Island  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Thursday, October 8, 2015  
3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Paul Boes, Mario Caballero, Peter Keber, Fred Lowery, Heather Rath, Andrew Schumacher,

**Members Absent:** Michael Weaver

**Town Council:** Kim Likins

**Town Staff:** Charles Cousins, Scott Liggett, Marcy Benson, Jennifer Ray, Shawn Colin, Julian Walls, Brian Hulbert

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

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Rath 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 minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of September 10, 2015 were approved as presented.

**5. Appearance by Citizens - none**

**6. Reports**

a. **Update from Island Recreation Association.** Mr. Frank Soule reported that the Island Recreation Center had an exciting summer:

- Summer camp – had a lot of great activities with over 200 participants a day.
- Challenge camp / SOAR – 17 participants; September 2015 more than 220 golfers from U.S. and Canada Special Olympics Programs competed in the 15th annual Special Olympics North America Golf Invitational Tournament at the Port Royal Golf Club.
- The USTA Tennis On Campus Fall Invitational national kick-off event will be held at Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center October 9-11.
- Aquatics – swim lessons going very well; keeping the pool temperature at 82 degrees has increased lap swimming attendance; water aerobics is doing very well.
- Sailing camp was a huge success this summer; rowing camp went well, looking for a coach; working with USCB rowing.
- Senior programs – membership has increased to 607 members; several trips this summer.
- Community events – summer jams were well attended; some events were rained out.

- Fall – Gator football is underway; lacrosse, soccer; after school programs brings over 100 participants a day.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- Committee volunteers for park user-survey workgroup.** Chairman Rath and Commissioners Lowery and Caballero will be on this committee.
- Committee volunteers for Beaufort County Proposal workgroup.** Commissioners Keber, Boes and Lowery will be on this committee.
- Committee volunteers for citizen recreational wants workgroup.** Commissioners Schumacher, Caballero and Keber will be on this committee. Commissioner Keber has received a request for Hilton Head Parks and Recreational Land Proposal for Racquetball/Racquet Sport Facility. This item will be on the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Councilman Likins thanked the Commission for taking on this project.
- Committee volunteers for revising the Parks & Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure workgroup.** Chairman Rath and Commissioner Weaver will be on this committee.

## 8. New Business

- Global Premier Soccer (GPS).** Mr. Scott Liggett stated that Town staff received a request by Global Premier Soccer Coastal Academy (GPS) to consider the use of public fields at Hilton Head Park. Hilton Head Park is located on the north end of Hilton Head Island and fronts William Hilton Parkway between Squire Pope Road and Spanish Wells Road. This park is actually two parcels and both the County and the Town each have a share in the property. Beaufort County does not have a preference as to how this park is used.

Mr. Pat Mason and Mr. Ross Leighton provided background information on the GPS organization. GPS currently provides soccer programming in 11 states. In June 2015 GPS Coastal Academy hosted the FC Bayern Hilton Head Camp. Currently there are 192 players, 13 teams and 105 Hilton Head Island residents. Currently the Hilton Head Island players must travel to John Paul II Catholic School located at 4211 North Okatie Highway, Ridgeland, SC to practice every day. Travel to practice is a hindrance for many players and would therefore like to be able to have a practice field on Hilton Head Island.

GPS is requesting a set schedule of Mondays through Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. rotating two teams a day. GPS would like to use this Hilton Head park stating that it is an under-utilized resource.

The Commissioners discussed that this Hilton Head park is classified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan as a neighborhood park. The definition in the Comprehensive Plan reads as follows:

*“Neighborhood Park: The neighborhood park should serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Active recreational facilities should be used in an informal and unstructured manner. Neighborhood parks are not intended for programmed activities that result in overuse, noise, parking problems or congestion. Examples of active facilities are playgrounds or structures, court games, informal play fields, and tennis courts.”*

Commissioner Schumacher made a motion that the request by GPS be *denied* on the grounds that the location of this Hilton Head park is designated as a neighborhood park in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lowery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Schematic Design Plans for Coligny Park** – Ms. Jennifer Ray stated that in October 2014 the Town Council approved the Conceptual Master Plan for improvements in the Coligny District. The Conceptual Master Plan was based on public and Planning Commission input and prepared in conjunction with traffic and parking assessments. Per Town Council's direction, phase 1 development will include the destination park and playground, children's museum, and a portion of the roadway and intersection improvements.

Each member of the consultant team presented key features of the plan. The consultant team is: Kyle Theodore and Trey Griffin, Wood and Partners; Gene Bell of Watson Tate Savory and Todd Salvagin of SRS Engineering.

Mr. Ed Berry, owner of Legendary Golf miniature golf course, leases his property from the Town. Mr. Berry stated that the miniature golf course is the only family-oriented entertainment in the Coligny area. Mr. Berry stated that he has met with Mayor Bennett to ask the Town to consider updating the plan to include his Legendary Golf miniature golf course.

Commissioner Keber made a motion to move forward with the schematic design plans for Coligny Park as designated from Town Council as conceptual and using the elements from the public workshop. Mr. Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2. Mr. Boes and Mr. Lowery opposed the motion.

- c. **Proposed 2016 Meeting Dates.** Commissioner Keber made a motion to approve the proposed 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting dates. Mr. Schumacher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Park Updates.** None

10. **Park Commissioner Comments.** None

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Rath, Chairman