

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, February 12, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Archer Crose, Leslie Ford, Daniel Gafgen, Joseph Kopf, John McCann, P. Jeffrey North, Marc Stuckart

Members Absent: none

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Scott Liggett, Nicole Dixon, Mike Roan, Brian Hulbert

Town Council: Bill Ferguson

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*

Media: Daniel Brownstein, *Island Packet*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kopf called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 8, 2009 were approved as presented.

IV. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS - None

V. REPORTS

A. Update from Island Recreation Association. Mr. Frank Soule reported on the following:

- Casino Night is February 21 at the Westin
- WingFest is March 21 at Shelter Cove Community Park
- The pool dome removal is scheduled for 3/16-18/09
- Julie Jilly is setting up a coaching clinic for volunteer coaches in all sports
- The Island Recreation Association proposed budget will be presented at the Parks & Recreation meeting March 12, 2009. Mr. Soule will be e-mailing the budget rather than sending paper copies. If the Commissioners have questions on the budget prior to the meeting, e-mail all questions to Eileen O'Brien and she will forward them on and copy all Commissioners on the e-mail communications.
- The tennis court resurfacing complete at Chaplin and at Cordillo

B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works – No report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dog Park discussion – Mr. Errol “ET” Morrison of Friends of Bluffton Dog Parks addressed the Commissioners about the possibility of creating another dog park on Hilton Head Island. Mr. Morrison suggested Jarvis Creek Park or the land preservation area at Cobia Court off Squire Pope Road or Crossings Park. Mr. Morrison stated that the Chaplin dog park is a great park and also provided the following comments regarding the Chaplin Dog Park:

- The bulletin boards are not up-to-date, one is placed out of the way up front and not facing the walkway for easy referencing.
- The park rules sign is looking tired and placed too low down on the side of the fence. It needs to be at eye level.
- A sign for emergency notifications for Beaufort County Animal Control and possibly the local dog park association referencing the local ordinance.
- The comment card box and donations box is a mess and not functional.
- The concrete sidewalk should be removed and replaced with mulch.

After some discussion, Chairman Kopf thanked Mr. Morrison for the time and research he put into today’s presentation and stated that with the Chaplin Dog Park located in the middle of the Island, there are no plans to build an additional dog park at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Mr. Scott Liggett reported that today’s discussion of the CIP program has a great deal to cover and will spill over and be continued at the March Parks & Recreation meeting. The goal is to gather input to bring to Town Council so that they can determine what can be funded for upcoming years. Mr. Liggett and the Commissioners discussed the CIP program and focused mainly on park development, park upgrades and pathways – a lot of information regarding what is currently funded and what is projected for the “out years” was discussed. The Commissioners will continue to review these documents and continue their discussion and bring recommendations to the March 12 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

VIII. UPDATES

None

IX. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 500 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen O’Brien

Approved by: _____
Joseph Kopf, Chairman