

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, April 9, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Leslie Ford

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Scott Liggett, Derrick Coaxum, Nicole Dixon

Other: Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*; Joe Penale, *Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services*

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 March 26, 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:

- Wingfest had a turnout of approximate 4,500 people – great community event.
- The fifth annual David M. Carmines tennis event was well attended April 3-5, 2009 with approximately 165 players.
- Easter Extravaganza April 11 at Shelter Cove Community Park from 11am to 2pm
- Seafood Fest on April 25, 2009 from 11am to 5pm at Shelter Cove Community Park.
- Spring programs are going well.

B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works. Mr. Joe Penale reported that adult soccer is down a little – using Barker Field and Chaplin Community Park. Mr. Penale stated that repairs to the Bristol Sports Arena skateboarding park have begun. The County, which maintains the park on Town-owned land, is unsure of the cost or how long repairs will take because the skating surface still has a year left on its five-year warranty. This will not stop the progress, the County and the Town are working toward resolving this issue.

The County is expecting a quote on 50 panels they plan to replace. In the meantime work will start on one ramp at a time to make repairs which means the ramp that is being repaired, will be closed while the others will remain open.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bristol Sports Arena Skate Park - Mr. Shane Gould discussed how popular the skate park is and asked for it to be fixed so it is not a hazard – not a temporary fix that requires constant money to repair but a permanent fix.

Chairman Kopf suggested getting this into the Capital Improvement Program.

VIII. UPDATES

Mrs. Nicole Dixon stated that Town staff is working with Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services to make repairs/changes to the dog park located by Chaplin Community Park. The County will do the signs and will meet on site with Town staff next week. Staff will be moving the following items to a better location in the park: bulletin boards, the park rules sign, emergency notification, the comment box, trash bags and donations box.

IX. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Kopf stated that the Town of Hilton Head Island has so many parks and other projects going on that a careful watch must be kept on maintaining all these facilities.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen O'Brien

Approved by: _____
Joseph Kopf, Chairman