

**The Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, July 8, 2010
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: John McCann, Jeffrey North, Daniel Gafgen, Marc Stuckart, Rob Moore, Jack Hamrick, Timothy Singleton

Members Absent: None

Town Council: Mayor Tom Peeples, Ken Heitzke, Mayor Pro Tem; Bill Ferguson

Town Staff: Charles Cousins, Jill Foster, Scott Liggett, Teri Lewis, Julian Walls, Nicole Dixon, Marcy Benson, Anne Cyran

Other: Sarah Calvert, *Island Recreation Association*

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. 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.

IV. SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Heitzke performed the swearing in ceremony for returning board member Mr. Marc Stuckart. Mayor Pro Tem Heitzke thanked all Commissioners for their service to the community.

V. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. North made a motion to elect Mr. McCann as Chairman and Mr. Hamrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. McCann made a motion to elect Mr. North as Vice Chairman and Mr. Hamrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 10, 2010 were approved as presented.

VII. APPEARANCE BY CITIZENS

Mr. Frank Babel announced that the Pedal 4 Kids bike event will be on Saturday, September 25, 2010 and encouraged the Commissioners to form a team for that day. Mr. Babel stated that there will be a bicycle friendly committee workshop in October to discuss how can we become a bike friendly community. Mr. Stuckart is the representative for Parks & Recreation Commission.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Update from Island Recreation Association.** Ms. Sarah Calvert stated that the Island Recreation Center is busy with soccer, cheerleading, hockey, lacrosse and summer camp activities. Water Fun night is tonight from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Shelter Cove Community Park. The Summer Jams brings approximately 150 people to the Shelter Cove Community Park on Tuesday nights. The Island Recreation Center has officially taken over the scheduling and rental use of Barker Field Extension, Chaplin Field, Crossings Park and Bristol Sports Arena. All forms are on the Island Recreation Center's website. Chairman McCann stated that the online information is excellent.
- B. Update from Beaufort County Parks & Leisure Services/Public Works.** No Report. The Commissioners requested that the minutes reflect that this is the fourth consecutive month without a report from Beaufort County PALS. It was also requested that when Beaufort County will not be attending the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, that a report be submitted in writing. Chairman McCann also noted that at the March 11, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Mrs. Cristina Roberson stated that a steering committee of citizens would be formed and would include members of this Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission has yet to be provided with any further information on this steering committee.
- C. Park Maintenance:** Mr. Scott Liggett reported that the Town continues to perform quarterly inspections of all recreation facilities and conveys that information to Beaufort County. Mr. Liggett stated that he recently met with the County and there is another meeting scheduled in two weeks to continue discussions on park maintenance as well as the Agreement.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed cancer survivor park

Mrs. Sandy Stern and Mrs. Patty Burke had contacted Mayor Peeples about the possibility of using Town owned property for a cancer survivor park. "A cancer survivor park is a tribute to the living and to those who are valiantly fighting their cancer." The presentation (a hardcopy is on file with the minutes) contains all requirements for this type of park, financial support and information on the R.A. Bloch cancer foundation. Chairman McCann made a motion to recommend that Town Council go forward with this proposed cancer survivor park. Mr. North seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

XI. UPDATES

Grants Summary. Ms. Marcy Benson reported on grants that were awarded in the 2010 calendar year, grants applied for in 2010 and are pending, and grant applications that were denied in 2010.

Sailing/Rowing Center. Ms. Marcy Benson stated that this proposal went back to the Public Facilities Committee for review and they recommended to Town Council that funds be allocated in the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget to clean up the site and direct Town staff to submit an application to DHEC and OCRM for a dock permit and to designate funding in the FY 2012 CIP budget for site design and construction. The Public Facilities Committee voted unanimously to move the sailing/rowing center forward to the August 3, 2010 Town Council meeting for discussion.

XII. PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson

Approved by: _____
John McCann, Chairman