

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
RECREATION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 31, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

The Recreation Committee of Council met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Sarah Church (Chair), Rita Langley and Tim Reese. Staff members present were Andy Benke and Courtney Liles. There were two members of the public and no members of the media present.

Chair Church called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law. The purpose of the meeting was discuss the Stith Park landscaping and also to review a few items under the scope of the Recreation Committee.

Stith Park landscaping: There is currently 17k allotted in the current fiscal years' budget for trimming of oak and palm trees in Stith Park and Poe Park and also replacing some of the landscaping in Stith Park. The Recreation Committee met with Island Resident Scott Parker some time ago and he suggested to replace the line of shrubs in the park along Middle Street with a border garden. The Tree Commission also suggested using the tree fund with the planting of trees. The Recreation Committee is on the Tree Commissions agenda for the meeting that will be held on September 25, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center: **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Reese, to move Battery Gadsden Cultural Center on the agenda up to item "a", and the Island Club to down item "b", carried unanimously.**

BGCC Members Hal Coste and Mike Walsh were present. Mr. Coste gave Committee members a floor plan of the battery. He then gave suggestions of the repair work he would like to see done first. Chair Church stated that this falls under the Public Facilities Committee. Mr. Walsh thanked the Town for the help and support with the Maritime Expo that was held on July 29th.

Island Club: The repair work for the Island Club is now complete. The total cost for the repairs were \$59k. The summer camps are now complete and a fall schedule will be available shortly.

Farmers Market: Applications will start going out in December/January for the 3rd season. There will be approximately 15-20 vendors.

The Mound at Stith Park: **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to amend the maintenance plan on the mound (Battery Butler and Capron) to include: the jet-vacing of the drop inlet boxes and pipes, trimming of vegetation**

on the southern face, filling the trail known as the Bamboo Forest in the southeast corner where erosion has caused some holes, to allow equipment to get through to the trimming of the bamboo and rudimentary terracing to help walk up the trail. Also, to table the RFP that was previously passed on May 16th by Council to include drainage pipes, carried unanimously.

Poe Park: The new equipment is currently being installed. The equipment is being funded by the Park Foundation 100%. The opening date is not yet determined.

Town Holiday Celebrations: The Recreation Committee is responsible for St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Gingerbread House Decorations. The Town's Birthday is December 17th. Mayor O'Neil suggested the committee put together a birthday party for the Town. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Church to adjourn at 9:20 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles