



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina**  
**Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

**I. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:**

The Recreation Committee of Council met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Kaye Smith (Chair), Greg Hammond and Justin Novak. Staff members present were Administrator Andy Benke, Amanda Hawver, Chief Anthony Stith, Joe Henderson, Jason Blanton, Max Wurthmann, and Bridget Welch. There were no (0) members of the public.

Chair Kaye Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

**II. Public Comments:** None

**III. The list of items below was reviewed and discussed:**

**A. Status of Tennis Court Lighting, Engineers Illumination Plan and Resurfacing:**

Mr. Benke stated that Thomas & Hutton will be receiving the bids by the due date of April 6 at 2:00 p.m. Construction plans must be included in the bid application plans. The matter of repainting the courts will be decided at a later date. A timeline will be created once the bidding is completed.

**B. Tot Lot Fencing:**

Chair Smith mentioned the fence is in immediate need of repair. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Novak are in favor of replacing the fence rather than taking it down until the master plan is ready. Mr. Benke estimates the fence would cost between \$10,000-\$12,000. Chair Smith asked if the cost could be taken out of the general fund. It would need to be brought to Council for a decision.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond that Recreation Committee recommend to Town Council that we replace the Tot Lot fencing and the fencing around the practice court with commercial grade fencing around similar height, seconded by Justin Novak, passed unanimously.**

**C. Playing Fields and Mound:**

Chair Smith mentioned the Mound needs some repairs and suggested to get in touch with the vendor for reseeding options. Another option is to leave the current path that has been created by people using it. Chair Smith also mentioned the need for keeping people off the reseeded playing fields. Mr. Benke stated it will take some time for the grass to grow in and it could potentially be around \$30,000 for a fence around the fields. Mr. Hammond suggested placing some signs around the fields for people to please keep off.

**D. Status of Trash and Recycle Bins:**

This project should be completed, as well as the installation of some benches that have been donated to the Park. Mr. Benke stated the concrete pads will likely be installed by Trident.

**E. Master Plan for Stith Park:**

Mr. Benke stated different options and ideas have been discussed but we should go ahead with an RFP to see who is interested. Special attention will need to be paid to the stormwater situation in the Park, as well a comprehensive design to start on the conceptual design. Chief Stith also mentioned that the study will also need to take the trees and vegetation in the Park into consideration while designing. The Committee agreed a comprehensive plan is necessary and they would like to see the new plans incorporate unique elements from the Island.

**F. Farmer's Market:**

Chair Smith stated the market will not happen this year, but there is a possibility of it happening next year, maybe under different circumstances and leadership.

**G. Fourth of July:**

Chair Smith presented a few different options for Fourth of July and Christmas celebrations, including fireworks. Councilmember Hammond would like to see that both have fireworks, as well potentially polling residents about their preference.

Councilmember Novak agreed, and looking at cost and staffing would be necessary. Mr. Benke stated the fireworks cost about \$15,000 and staffing around \$8,000. Chief Stith added a decision about July fireworks would need to be made quickly due to scheduling and supply.

There was some other discussion about other Town events offered and the best way to get them advertised to residents. Chair Smith mentioned the possibility of the Administration Committee looking into a quick, easy way to poll residents, perhaps through the Citibot App.

**H. Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Novak, to adjourn at 9:15 a.m., passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch