

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
RECREATION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
8:30 a.m.**

The Recreation Committee of Council met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 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 Bachman Smith, IV. Staff members present were Administrator Andy Benke, Lisa Darrow and Courtney Liles. There were no members of the audience or media present.

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

The list of items below was reviewed and discussed:

Budget for the year- the special events budget is \$25,000.00. Fireworks cost roughly \$15,000.00 annually. In 2019, the Recreation Committee spent \$2,400.00 on St. Patrick's Day celebrations and \$1,500.00 on 4th of July celebrations.

Fitness Equipment Quote- Andy Benke was approached by Jared Kuka, owner of Move Strong Functional Fitness Equipment, regarding installing adult fitness equipment at Stith Park. The Committee expressed concerns regarding maintenance and liability. As presented, the moving parts of the equipment could injure children that climb on it. The Committee suggested doing more research and also getting input from the community.

Farmer's Market 2020- The 2019 Farmer's Market season was a success. Residents and visitors gave feedback on a survey from the Town. They suggested more vegetables and prepared food choices. The new location at Stith Park rather than in front of Poe Library was favored and the people suggested a longer season. The Committee discussed having the market bi-weekly instead of weekly to give more vendors the opportunity to come. This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

Community Programming- Committee member Hammond recommended having a community night every other month in the park so residents can gather. Chair Smith suggested having a movie night in Stith Park where residents can bring a blanket and a picnic and watch a kid friendly movie. The Town of James Island is willing to let the Town of Sullivan's Island borrow their equipment one time as a trial run before potentially purchasing equipment.

Halloween event- the Committee recommended asking the Island Club if they are willing to host a Halloween event this year and also if Battery Gadsden would be interested in hosting a haunted house.

Beach Cleanup and reward program- The idea behind the beach cleanup and reward program is for kids to collect litter on the beach and record it and the winner will get a prize. The details of the prize have not yet been determined.

Field trip- the Committee went on a field trip to look at the water fountain, gazebo, mound and bamboo forest.

Motion was made by Bachman Smith, IV, seconded by Greg Hammond, to adjourn at 9:46 a.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Liles