



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Recreation Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 23, 2022**

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

The Recreation Committee of Council met at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 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, Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Police Chief Chris Griffin, Captain Christopher Wallace, Joe Henderson, Jason Blanton, Charles Drayton, and Bridget Welch. There were five (5) 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:

The following people spoke in favor of building pickleball courts on Sullivan's Island:

- Donovan Glassburn, 1738 Middle Street
- Manda Poletti, 1771 Atlantic Avenue
- Loren Ziff, 1412 Thompson Avenue

The following people spoke against building pickleball courts on Sullivan's Island:

- Cindy Garland, 2 Citadel Street
- Phil Garland, 2 Citadel Street
- Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic Avenue

III. Discussion and consideration of resident proposal for pickle ball courts at Citadel Street

An alternative plan was presented by the Committee as one to consider for the installation of pickleball courts, as requested by a resident at a previous meeting. The new plan shifts the current tennis courts over and adds two pickleball court on the Citadel Street side, leaving the green space in front of the courts untouched. Mr. Hammond mentioned doing some research into if/how the noise concerns can be addressed. He also stated all sides of the debate would be taken into consideration moving forward. Mr. Novak suggested they wait for the Master Plan for Stith Park to be finalized, with Chair Smith and Mr. Hammond agreeing.

IV. Discussion of Stith Park Master Plan

Chair Smith stated the tennis courts in Stith Park should have new lights and be fully resurfaced soon. There have been supply chain issues with the lights, but they will be installed as soon as possible.

The user-friendly trash cans are being installed, and Chair Smith thanked Mr. Benke for securing a grant to pay for those.

Mr. Benke gave a brief update on the status of updates to the park. He mentioned the poles for courts have been received, but light fixtures were delayed. They will hopefully be installed next week. The subcontractor is scheduled to resurface and repaint the basketball courts and the project will hopefully be completed by October 10.

He stated nine RFPs were received for the Stith Park project and some will be interviewed by the Committee and Council before deciding on a contractor. Once a contract is made, plans to move forward can hopefully begin at the beginning of 2023. Public meetings regarding the Park plan are tentatively scheduled for February. Mr. Benke clarified the plan is to review options for the eight acres that are available for public use. The Request for Proposal is available for the public to view online on the Town website. Mr. Novak stated stormwater will be a large part of the study and plan for the future of the park.

V. Executive Session –

Motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Novak, to go into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m., passed unanimously.

A. Contractual Matter: Review of submittals for the Stith Park Master Plan

VI. Upon Returning to Open Session, Committee may take action on items discussed during Executive Session

Motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Novak, to come out of Executive Session at 9:31 p.m., passed unanimously.

Further discussion of vendors will be taken to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for October 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Councilmember Novak, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to adjourn at 9:32 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch