

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 18, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Chairperson Kathy Madola called the May 18, 2022, Parks Commission meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence.

Members present: Kathy Madola, Thomas DiPaolo, Marlene Vandergrift, Jeannette D'Abbondanza, Nancy Larkin and Daniel Conte. Also present: Commissioner Beverly Mayhew, Board Liaison; Chad Hicks, Town Administrator, and Nicole Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk.

Members Absent: None

**Oath of Office:**

Ms. Nicole Hewett sworn in members: Kathy Madola, Marlene Vandergrift and Jeannette D'Abbondanza.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022. MEMBER VANDERGRIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Administrative Reports:**

Update on East Park - Mr. Hicks said the pickleball courts are all done, and everything looks good. Mr. Hicks thanked the Parks Commission members for going out to the park and providing feedback on the placement of items that were discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Hicks said we will start the addition of the new dog area after the new budget begins. Mr. Hicks said a lot of people are enjoying it. Mr. Hicks said the horseshoe pit is on hold for now. Member Larkin asked about parking at the park. Mr. Hicks said the problem with more parking spots is that we would get into a turn lane with NCDOT and that is quite expensive. There was discussion on pickleball courts and pickleball in Brunswick County.

TOCS Concert – Ms. Hewett said the Town of Carolina Shores will hold the Town concert on May 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and an email blast has gone out. Ms. Hewett said the Sea and Sand Band will be there along with Lobster Dogs. Ms. Hewett said we will have free popcorn and water. Ms. Hewett said that Public Works has been working very hard. Ms. Hewett asked if anyone wanted to volunteer. Chairperson Madola and Member Vandergrift volunteered.

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Mayhew, Liaison – Commissioner Mayhew said one of the commissioners asked her to bring to the attention to request from you that you might consider putting in some type of flowerbed at the park that would attract monarch butterflies because there is a need for that. Commissioner Mayhew said that commissioner said there are some garden clubs in our town that may be able to help or advise. There was discussion on this item. Member Vandergrift said she will do the research. Member Conte said he has a list from Butterfly World. There was discussion on this item.

MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA MADE A MOTION TO HAVE TOWN STAFF PLANT THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN FROM THE LIST OF APPROVED BUSHES. MEMBER VANDERGRIFT SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Member Conte will call Lindsey from Hughes & Hughes Nursery to see what they recommend.

Member Larkin apologized for missing some meetings due to health reasons. Member Larkin said she knows she has missed something and asked if we are adding to the dog park and read something about a cement pad. Mr. Hicks said we put in a cement pad for people to walk on as we had some ADA concerns, so we put it in. Mr. Hicks said it is a walkway. Mr. Hicks said the benches were sitting on the small slab and dogs were digging so we extended it a little bit to fix that.

**Adjourn:**

MEMBER CONTE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PARKS COMMISSION MAY 18, 2022, MEETING AT 2:26 P.M. MEMBER LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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Chairperson

Submitted by: Nicole L. Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk