

TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Chairperson Kathy Madola called the August 21, 2024, 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: Barbara Dresser, Larry Hewson, Jeannette D'Abbondanza, Carroll Murphy and Ronald Johnson. Also present: Commissioner Marlene Vandergrift, Board Liaison; Chad Hicks, Town Administrator; Nicole Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk and Gail Treglia, Code Enforcement Officer.

Members Absent: Nancy Larkin

Also Absent: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MEMBER JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2024. MEMBER DRESSER SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Hicks said we have had to close the park to mow because people were complaining. Mr. Hicks said that is working out good. Mr. Hicks said the mosquito spraying has been doing good and we have done the complete town twice so far. Mr. Hicks said the mosquitoes have been really bad especially after the storm. Mr. Hicks said there was an idea that was brought to council about doing some type of bike/ pedestrian path on Thomasboro Road. Mr. Hicks said we reached out to GSATS and they are going to try to get a study done with some funding that is available to see if that would be feasible to do. Mr. Hicks said don't forget about the town concert on October 4th from 6pm-8pm. Member D'Abbondanza said the park is looking really great. Mr. Hicks said yes, those guys do a great job.

Old Business:

Discussion on TOCS Concert Sponsorship:

Mrs. Treglia said in your packet, you will find the TOCS sponsorship letter and information. There was lengthy discussion on the letter and the sponsorship levels. It was the consensus of the Parks Commission to change a few words in the letter. The sponsorship levels were discussed and it was the consensus of the Parks Commission to have three levels, \$500, \$250 and \$100 and to label them gold, silver and bronze. There was discussion on adding a check box for anyone that wants to remain anonymous. It was the consensus of the Parks Commission, to add a check box for someone to check if they would like to remain anonymous and it doesn't have to be only businesses that are sponsors. The sponsors would come from the town's corporate limits.

Member Murphy said we should have a pickleball tournament in the spring or fall and we could maybe have a car show in the future.

Member Johnson asked if there were any way the town could put a playground in the back of the park.

MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND LOOKING INTO INSTALLING A PLAYGROUND IN THE BACK OF THE PARK. MEMBER MURPHY SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Member Johnson asked if there were any way we could increase parking at the park. Mr. Hicks said he would check.

CHAIRPERSON MADOLA MADE A MOTION THAT THE DISCUSSION ON THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, PRICING, ETC. BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATIONS. MEMBER D'ABBONDANZA SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Marlene Vandergrift, Parks Committee Liaison – Commissioner Vandergrift said as the discussion on sponsorships continued, she noticed it started being designated as a donation instead of sponsorship. Commissioner Vandergrift said donations vs. sponsorships for tax purposes are two totally different things. Commissioner Vandergrift said a donation has to be designated as what exactly it go towards. Commissioner Vandergrift said we need to be very careful and this cannot be called a donation. Commissioner Vandergrift said sponsorship is fine but using the donation/donations, you can get into some really gray areas. The word donation will be removed from the letter and form. Commissioner Vandergrift said the parking issue at the park has been brought up before to the Board of Commissioners and she believes there was a issue with the impervious surface and Mr. Hicks said yes, I think you're right but he will check.

Adjourn:

CHAIRPERSON MADOLA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PARKS COMMISSION AUGUST 21, 2024, MEETING AT 2:32 P.M. MEMBER MURPHY SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRPERSON MADOLA CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Chairperson

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