



HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:00noon
Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B, 2nd floor
1301 Second Ave, Conway, SC 29526

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Invocation**
 - 4. Introduction of Board Members**
 - 5. Minutes**
 - Approval of February 7, 2023 Minutes
 - Review of March 7, 2023 Minutes
 - 6. Public Input**
 - 7. Presentation**
 - Parks and Recreation Department FY24 Budget
 - 8. New Business**
 - Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee Appointment
 - 9. Nomination and Election of FY24 Officers**
 - 10. Discussion**
 - Staff Member Updates
 - Board Member Updates
 - 11. Announcements**
 - Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – June 27, 2023 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – July 11, 2023 at 12:00pm in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - 12. Adjourn**
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**Horry County Parks & Open Space
Parks & Open Space Board Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 2023**

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board met on Tuesday, February 7, 2022 at 12:00 pm at the Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B in Conway, SC 29526. The following Parks & Open Space Board members were present: Robert Ziegler, Kathy Jellison, Lisa Davis, Sarah Diaz, Thomas Mezzapelle, and Samuel T. Johnson Jr.

Staff present: Interim Director, Ashley Cowen.

Board members absent: Melvin Spain, William Kevin Gause, and Suzanne Pritchard.

The following visitors attended: none.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Ziegler called the meeting to order at approximately 12:09 pm. Chairman Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Ziegler asked all Board members to introduce themselves and announce their County Council District.

MINUTES

Approval of December 6, 2022 Minutes

Chairman Robert Ziegler entertained a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes. Thomas Mezzapelle made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes with the amendment on one scrivener's error. Samuel Johnson Jr. seconded the motion. There was no discussion. *The motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting minutes carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

NEW BUSINESS

Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee Appointment

Chairman Ziegler introduced topic and gave an overview. The applicant was not present. Cassandra LaValley is currently the Sustainability Coordinator for Sustain Coastal and formerly the Project Manager and Field Director at Conservation Voters of South Carolina. She is seeking her MBA at CCU with a graduation date of Spring 2025. She does not serve on any other Horry

County Boards or Commissions. Ms. LaValley is willing and eligible to serve in this capacity. Appointment by the Parks and Open Space Board to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee will result in Cassandra LaValley being appointed to her first full 3-year. Kathy Jellison made a motion to appoint Cassandra LaValley to Keep Horry County Beautiful with a term expiring in December 2025. Lisa Davis seconded the motion. Seeing no discussion, Mr. Ziegler called the motion to vote. ***The motion Cassandra LaValley to Keep Horry County Beautiful with a term expiring in December 2025 carried unanimously.***

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Ziegler introduced the agenda item and gave an overview. The Board discussed meeting dates including the removal the April and December meetings from the proposed schedule. Sarah Diaz made the motion to approve the meeting schedule with removal of the April and December dates from the calendar, and July and November being the next possible cancellation dates if no meeting topics were available. Lisa Davis seconded the motion. Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Ziegler called for the vote. ***The motion to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar with the amendment carried unanimously.***

PRESENTATION

PARD GRANTS

Chairman Ziegler introduced the agenda item and asked staff to give the presentation. Ms. Cowen gave a brief overview of what Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) Grants are, how funding is allocated, and what types of projects are eligible. Ms. Cowen informed the Board that Horry County Parks and Recreation has been granted two (2) new PARD awards, in addition to the 3 existing awards.

The Michael Morris Graham PARD Grant project has been awarded \$39,004.88. The project includes resurfacing the access road with coquina, renovation of fencing, installation of bleachers, and other needed renovations before the July 7-11, 2023 State Tournaments. Staff are working with the Aynor Area Athletic Association to identify needed repairs and renovations. Grant must be completed by September 2023.

The Lees Landing Circle Park PARD Grant project has been awarded \$19,790.17. Staff will work with a small group of community members to design and provide an improved river access area, picnic facilities, small parking area, and trash/fishing line receptacles. Grant must be completed by October 2024.

The Socastee Recreation Park Playground PARD Grant has been awarded \$59,370.17. This grant will renovate the playground including new structure, enclosure, and mulch. Grant must be completed by October 2024

The Socastee Yacht Basin Playground PARD Grant has been awarded \$36,693.75. This grant will demo, purchase and install a new playground and components for the Socastee Yacht Basin Park. Grant must be completed by January 2026.

The Pee Dee Park Playground PARD Grant has been awarded \$36,693.75. This grant will demo, purchase and install a new playground and components for the Socastee Yacht Basin Park. Grant must be completed by January 2026.

DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Staff gave a brief update on the upcoming programming happening in Horry County through Parks and Recreation.

Board Member Updates

Robert Ziegler gave an update on the Quarterly Meeting of the Greater Burgess Community Association which will feature a local horticulturalist lecture on “How to grow things here” at 7:00pm at the South Strand Recreation Center.

Thomas Mezzapelle announced that the Myrtle Beach Area Mountain Biking Association (MBA2) hosted nearly 400 people, including almost 160 racers, at the HULK. In addition, Mr. Mezzapelle announced a new Disc Golf Course in Conway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting– March 21, 2023 at 11:30 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government and Justice Center in Conway.

Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – March 7 at 12:00 pm at the Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Samuel T. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Diaz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:49 pm.

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**Horry County Parks & Open Space
Parks & Open Space Board Workshop
Tuesday March 7, 2023**

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board met on Tuesday, March 7, 2022 at 12:00 pm at the Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B in Conway, SC 29526. The following Parks & Open Space Board members were present: Robert Ziegler, Suzanne Pritchard, Kathy Jellison, Lisa Davis, and Sarah Diaz.

Staff present: Interim Director, Ashley Cowen.

Board members absent: Melvin Spain, William Kevin Gause, Thomas Mezzapelle, and Samuel T. Johnson Jr.

The following visitors attended Jesse James, Thomas Cornelius, Richard Young, Don Trustlow, Buck, Cassandra LaValley.

CALL TO ORDER

Seeing no quorum present, Chairman Robert Ziegler called the workshop to order at approximately 12:00 pm. Chairman Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Ziegler asked all Board members to introduce themselves and announce their County Council District.

MINUTES

Approval of February 7, 2023 Minutes

The Board did not vote on the minutes due to a lack of quorum.

PUBLIC INPUT

Cassandra LaValley introduced herself as the newest member of Keep Horry County Beautiful and thanked the Board for appointing her at the previous meeting. Ms. LaValley gave a brief overview of her qualifications and her current contributions to Coastal Carolina University, Sustain Coastal, and Keep Horry County Beautiful.

Tom Cornelius addressed the Board about the desire for metal detecting in Horry County by the club he is part of. Mr. Cornelius stated that metal detecting is a leisurely recreational activity involving bending and walking which also serves as a public service. He said that detectorists “try to leave the grounds in better condition than they find it”.

Jesse James spoke about his 45 years detecting internationally and in the United States. He stated that he has locally put on talks and demonstrations at Horry County Senior Centers. Mr. James illustrated that detectors only go about 1 foot into the ground using radio waves and

offered to take the Board to a site to illustrate the detecting and digging process. In addition, Mr. James stated that he had carried out roughly 300lbs of litter in 3 years of detecting.

Mr. Buck spoke about his years as a Park Ranger. Mr. Buck used detecting to hunt a lake as an employee and found a torpedo. He also stated that he understood the complexities of enforcement on public grounds.

Richard Young stated that there are two local clubs who detected, one in Murrells Inlet and the other in Little River. Mr. Young showed the board items that the club brought that had been detected locally.

Mr. James and Mr. Cornelius inquired if the Board could pursue possible options for the expansion of metal detecting in Horry County. The Board asked staff to look into this topic for follow up at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HULK Bike and Run Park MOU with Myrtle Beach Area Mountain Biking Association Vereen Memorial Gardens- Trail Name Resolution

The Board did not address any new business items due to lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION

Staff Updates

Staff gave a brief update on the upcoming programming, soccer season, disc golf, and the Summer Youth Adventure Camps happening in Horry County through Parks and Recreation.

Board Member Updates

There were no Board member updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting– March 21, 2023 at 11:30 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government and Justice Center in Conway.

Talking Trash Community Cleanup Day- April 1, 2023 9:00am -12:00noon – 3 locations

Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – May 2 at 12:00 pm at the Horry County Government & Justice Center, Multipurpose Room B.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Sarah Diaz made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:06 pm.



Horry County Parks and Open Space Board
Decision Memorandum
Horry County, South Carolina

Date: June 13, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Interim Director
Regarding: Keep Horry County Beautiful Appointment

ISSUE:

Should Horry County Parks & Open Space Board appoint Vincent Lehotsky to Keep Horry County Beautiful?

PROPOSED ACTION:

Vote to appoint Vincent Lehotsky to Keep Horry County Beautiful.

RECOMMENDATION:

The applicant should be given a few minutes to describe their interest in appointment to the committee and the assets they will bring.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Open Space Board appoints at-large members to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee. Keep Horry County Beautiful currently has vacancies. Vacancies have terms expiring in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Horry County has received one application for Keep Horry County Beautiful to fill these appointments.

ANALYSIS:

Vincent Lehotsky does not serve on any other Horry County Boards or Commissions. Vincent Lehotsky is willing and eligible to serve in this capacity. Appointment by the Parks and Open Space Board to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee will result in Vincent Lehotsky being appointed to his first full 3-year.

KEEP HORRY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON 2 nd Term Expires: 12/31/25	Kevin Mishoe 8001 Mishoe Road Conway, SC 29527 e-mail: kmishoeswclean@gmail.com	Phone: 843-424-7597
VICE CHAIRPERSON Term Expires: 12/31/24	VACANT e-mail	Phone:
Term Expires: 12/31/25	James "Trapper" Fowler 5075 Adrian Hwy Conway, SC 29526 e-mail: trapperf@scccl.org	Phone: 843-333-7355
1 st Term Expires: 12/31/24	Corinne Hellyer 69 Plantation Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 e-mail: cory.hellyer@gmail.com	Phone: 703-887-5454
1 st Term Expires: 12/31/23	Edna DeWitt 3330 Blain Lane Conway, SC 29527 e-mail: edwil@sccoast.net	Cell: 843-333-1796
1 st Term Expires: 12/31/23	Terry Fowler 1740 Hwy 646 Loris, SC 29569 e-mail: tfowler@sccoast.net	Phone: 843-385-6969
Term Expires: 12/31/23	VACANT	Phone:
Term Expires: 12/31/25	Cassandra "Cassie" LaValley 4322 Bradford Circle Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	Phone: (843)349-2763
Term Expired: 12/31/25	VACANT	Phone:

APPLICATION FOR KEEP HORRY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

NAME: VINCENT LEHOTSKY DATE JUNE 6, 2023

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA 29579-6439

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] (home) — (work)

DATE OF BIRTH MARCH 1ST 1957

YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER / DISTRICT: MR. DISABATO / THREE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? (yes) (no)

HAVE YOU BEEN ARRESTED OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
WITHIN THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS? (yes) (no)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Please provide in detail or attach a resume).

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL GRAD
C.C.D. CLASS - HEAVY MACHINERY - 2008

WORK:

HARD ROCK PARK / FREESTYLE PARK •
TURTLE & HUGHES: 15 YEARS, PUPOLATOR; 8 YEARS
THE SUN NEWS - CARRIER - 3 YEARS
REGENT THEATRE • VOLUNTEER - C.C.M.F.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF UNION COUNTY • COCORAH'S
ELIZABETH WATER WATCH • CLEAN OCEAN ACTION
REGULAR P/O OF LITTER ALONG RIVEROAKS / AUGUSTA PLANTATION

LIST PREVIOUS SERVICE ON HORRY COUNTY BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS
(indicate dates of terms):

— NONE —

DUAL OFFICE HOLDING: Do you presently serve on any County or State Board or Commission?

No!

If appointed to an Horry County Board or Commission, I understand that I will be expected to attend all meetings of that Board or Commission. The only reason I would not attend would be because of illness or pressing personal commitments. I also understand that if I am absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid reason, the Council will consider this as a voluntary resignation. I am willing to abide by these attendance regulations. By acceptance of the appointment, I pledge my time and abilities to serve on any board or commission to which I am appointed.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Signature

JUNE 6TH 2023

Date



Horry County Parks and Open Space Board
Decision Memorandum
Horry County, South Carolina

Date: June 13, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Interim Director
Regarding: Nomination and Election of Officers

ISSUE:

The Parks and Open Space Board needs to elect Officers for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

CONCLUSION:

The Parks and Open Space Board should vote among its eligible Board members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

BACKGROUND:

Per the approved bylaws of the Parks and Open Space Board, the Officers shall be nominated and elected at the to serve from July 1 each year through the end of June each year, by a majority vote, if a quorum is present. A discussion can be held to determine interest by Board members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for the Board. After a nomination is made, nominees must agree to serve. Newly elected officers shall assume office at the first regular meeting of the next Fiscal Year.

The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings and act as official spokesperson for the Board, even when it is not in session. The Chairperson shall lead the Board and act as a liaison to other County Appointed Committees, as necessary. The Chairperson will serve as an ex-officio member on all subcommittees of Keep Horry County Beautiful. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

ANALYSIS:

All current Parks and Open Space Board Members are eligible to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair and may be nominated to hold an office for Fiscal Year 2024.

HORRY COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

CHAIR

1st Term Expires: 6/30/24
District #4

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VICE CHAIR

2nd Term Expires: 6/30/25
District #1

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1st Term Expires: 6/30/25
District #3

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1st Term Expires: 6/30/24
District #2

VACANT

1st Term Expires: 6/30/25
District #5

Kathy Jellison
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Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
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2nd Term Expires 6/30/23
District #6

Lisa Davis
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
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1st Term Expires: 6/30/23
District #7

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2nd Term Expires: 6/30/24
District #8

Dr. Sarah Diaz
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2nd Term Expires: 6/30/25
District #9

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2nd Term Expires: 6/30/25
District #10

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2nd Term Expires: 6/30/23
District #11

Samuel T. Johnson, Jr
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Galivants Ferry, SC 29544
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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2023

Board Meetings are typically held in the Multi-purpose Room of the Government & Justice Center located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway, unless otherwise noted. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Date	Time	Event
February 7, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
March 7, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
May 2, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
June 13, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting & Officer Elections – B Gov&Justice Center
July 11, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center (possible cancellation if un-needed)
August 8, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
September 5, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
October 3, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center
November 14, 2023	12:00 – 1:00PM	Board Meeting – B Gov&Justice Center (possible cancellation if un-needed)

*According to the Bylaws, the Board must hold *at least four* (4) Meetings annually. Meetings may be changed to a Workshop.