



HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, November 14, 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 10.3.2023 Minutes
 - 6. *Public Input***
 - 7. *Old Business***
 - Open Space Fund – Update
 - 8. *New Business***
 - Open Space Fund – Garden City Signage
 - Keep Horry County Beautiful Re-Appointments
 - 2024 Calendar of Meetings
 - 9. *Discussion***
 - Staff Member Updates
 - Board Member Updates
 - 10. *Announcements***
 - Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – November 28, 2023 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – TBD in 2024 in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - 11. *Adjourn***
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HORRY COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD 2023

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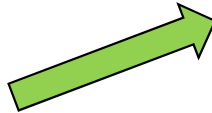
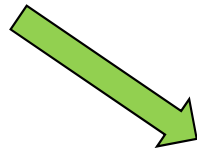
Parks and Open Space Board



What does the Parks and Open Space Board do??

Promote:

1. Preservation of
2. Connectivity of
3. Protection of
4. Conservation of
5. Expansion of
6. Tourism of
7. Education on
8. Awareness of
9. Research on



Scope:

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| 1. Open Space | 10. Plazas |
| 2. Scenic Areas | 11. Parks |
| 3. Vistas | 12. Mini-Parks |
| 4. Greenways | 13. Picnic Areas |
| 5. Squares | 14. Bicycle or |
| 6. Village Greens | Hiking Trails |
| 7. Environmental | 15. Golf Courses |
| and Natural | 16. Recreational |
| Resources | Sites (hunting) |
| 8. Playgrounds | 17. Wildlife habitat |
| 9. Playfields | 18. Sensitive Land |

Chapter 15- Planning, Article VII- Horry County Parks and Open Space Board

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	Horry County Parks & Open Space
)	Parks & Open Space Board Meeting
COUNTY OF HORRY)	Tuesday October 3, 2023

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 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, Dan Ober, Royce Sonny Parrish Jr., Dr. Sarah Diaz, and Thomas Mezzapelle.

Staff present: Deputy Director, Ashley Cowen.

Board members absent: William Kevin Gause, Kathy Jellison, and Richard Carroll.

The following visitors attended: Nicole Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Ziegler called the meeting to order at approximately 12:27 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 June 13, 2023 Minutes, August 8, 2023 Minutes, and Review of the September 5, 2023 Minutes

Chairman Ziegler introduced the agenda item and asked the Board to take a moment to review the minutes from the previous three meetings. Sarah Dias made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 and August 8, 2023 and the Workshop minutes from September 5, 2023. Sonny Parrish seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ***The motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2023 and August 8, 2023 and the Workshop Minutes from September 5, 2023 of the Parks and Open Space Board carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

NEW BUSINESS

Keep Horry County Beautiful Appointments

Chairman Ziegler introduced topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen stated that The Parks and Open Space Board appoints at-large members to the Keep Horry County Beautiful

Committee. Keep Horry County Beautiful currently has four (4) vacancies. Vacancies have terms expiring in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Horry County has received two applications for Keep Horry County Beautiful to fill these appointments.

Chairman Ziegler asked Nicole Thompson if she would like to speak. Nicole Thompson briefly gave an overview of her interest in Keep Horry County Beautiful.

Suzanne Pritchard made a motion to appoint Nicole Thompson to Keep Horry County Beautiful with a term ending in 2025. Dan Ober seconded the motion. Seeing no further discussion, Mr. Ziegler called the motion to vote. ***The motion to appoint Nicole Thompson to Keep Horry County Beautiful to the vacant position with the term ending in 2025 carried unanimously.***

Bob Ziegler made a motion to appoint Catherine Watts to Keep Horry County Beautiful with a term ending in 2024. Sonny Parish seconded the motion. Seeing no further discussion, Mr. Ziegler called the motion to vote. ***The motion to appoint Catherine Watts to Keep Horry County Beautiful to the vacant position with the term ending in 2024 carried unanimously.***

DISCUSSION

Open Space Fund

Staff gave a brief presentation of Horry County Land Development Regulations as they relate to the Open Space Fund.

Staff Updates

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

Board Member Updates

Thomas Mezzapelle announced that Bike the Beach is taking place on Sunday, October 16th. Mr. Mezzapelle gave additional details about the event and its hosts.

Sarah Diaz announced the ground-breaking of the indoor practice facility at Coastal Carolina University. Dr. Diaz also announced the Light the Night 5K on October 6th and a Mini-Golf event on October 19th hosted by the Coastal Carolina University students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolina Forest Day “Community Celebration” at the Carolina Forest Recreation Center – October 7, 2023

Ghost of the Coast 5K – October 7, 2023 at the Panther Run Trail

Loris Bog Off 5k – October 21, 2023 at the Loris Bog Off Festival

Ribbon Cutting for new children’s skills area at HULK Bike and Run Park – October 14, 2023 9:00am at the HULK

Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – October 31, 2023 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

Swamp Fest – Playcard Environmental Education Center, Loris on November 4, 2023 10:00am – 2:00pm

Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – November 14, 2023 at 12:00pm in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Suzanne Pritchard made a motion to adjourn. Sonny Parish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 pm.



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

Date: November 14, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Deputy Director
Regarding: Keep Horry County Beautiful Re-Appointments

ISSUE:

Should Horry County Parks & Open Space Board reappoint Vincent Lehotsky and Edna DeWitt to Keep Horry County Beautiful?

PROPOSED ACTION:

Vote to appoint Vincent Lehotsky and Edna DeWitt to Keep Horry County Beautiful.

RECOMMENDATION:

The applicants should be given a few minutes to describe their interests 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 two (2) vacancies. Vacancies have terms expiring in 2023 and 2024. Horry County has received no applications for Keep Horry County Beautiful to fill these appointments. There are currently two members seeking reappointments for positions with expiring terms on 12/31/2023.

ANALYSIS:

Vincent Lehotsky currently serves on Keep Horry County Beautiful. Mr. LeHotsky is completing an unexpired term. He 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 Mr. Lehotsky being reappointed to her first full term with an expiration date of 12/31/2026.

Edna DeWitt currently serves on Keep Horry County Beautiful. Edna DeWitt 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 Edna DeWitt being appointed to her second term.

KEEP HORRY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

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1st Term Expires: 12/31/23	VACANT e-mail:	Phone:
Term Expires: 12/31/23	Vincent Lehotsky 105 Augusta Plantation Drive Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 e-mail: vincentlehotsky@aol.com	Phone: 843-231-8184
Term Expires: 12/31/25	Cassandra "Cassie" LaValley 4322 Bradford Circle Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	Phone: 843-349-2763
Term Expired: 12/31/24	VACANT e-mail:	Phone:



Horry County Parks and Open Space Board

Briefing Memorandum

Horry County, South Carolina

Date: November 14, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Deputy Director
Regarding: Open Space Fund - Update

ISSUE:

What is the status of the Horry County Open Space Fund?

CONCLUSION:

The Horry County Open Space Fund has a \$125,263.00 account balance.

BACKGROUND:

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board is responsible for administering the Horry County Open Space Fund and any open space mitigation banks that are established through the Board. Both of these mechanisms are intended to be used to help implement the Parks and Open Space Plan, which is intended to provide comprehensive guidance for areas of open space, significant environmental and natural resources, and recreational sites to be acquired, leased, preserved, protected, maintained or developed through County funds.

In 2000, the Horry County Open Space Fund was established to provide developers with an option to pay a fee-in-lieu of required open space. The fund can also include appropriations from County Council or donations. ***The Open Space Fund must be spent according to guidelines from the County's Land Development Regulations.*** A developer also has the option to establish an Open Space Mitigation Bank to meet existing and future open space requirements through an offsite location within priority acquisition areas that meet the criteria list for significant properties defined within the Board's establishing Ordinance (Sec. 15-126).

To date, the following fee in lieu of Open Spaces have been paid into the Fund per Fiscal Year:

- Fiscal Year 2017: \$19,920
- Fiscal Year 2019: \$15,085
- Fiscal Year 2020: \$8,472
- Fiscal Year 2021: \$7,508
- Fiscal Year 2022: \$80,028

The Parks and Open Space Board has voted to utilize the fund on four occasions:

1. \$1,000 towards the Survey of 3.96 acres for the transfer to the Bike & Run Park
2. \$1,750 to the Born Learning Trail Sidewalk at the James R. Frazier Community Center
3. \$2,000 to the Loris Nature Park Amphitheater improvements
4. \$4000 to the South Strand Recreation Center RTP Grant Match for the Paving of the Born Learning Trail

ANALYSIS:

The Horry County Open Space Fund has a \$125,263.00 account balance. These funds must be spent according to 2008 Horry County Land Development Regulations which states that funds from each fee must be used in the following manner:

	Manner which funds MUST be used	Total	Spent to Date	Remaining Funds
1	Fifty (50) percent will go to purchase open space throughout Horry County.	\$ 62,631.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 62,631.50

2	Twenty-five (25) percent will go to the Horry County Recreation Fund for acquisition, improvement, expansion, implementation and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities	\$ 31,315.75	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 27,565.75
3	Twenty-five (25) percent may go to other uses such as grant matching for natural resources or recreational purchases, purchasing access to beaches, rivers or waterways, or the acquisition of right-of-ways for or installation of the East Coast Greenway.	\$ 31,315.75	\$ 4,000	\$ 27,315.75



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

Date: November 14, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Deputy Director
Regarding: Open Space Fund – Garden City Signage

ISSUE:

Would the Parks and Open Space Board like to contribute Open Space Funds towards the refurbishment of the Garden City signs on Hwy17?

PROPOSED ACTION:

Allocate a portion of the Open Space Fund towards the signage project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board is responsible for administering the Horry County Open Space Fund. The Open Space Fund is intended to be used to help implement the Parks and Open Space Plan, which is intended for the identification, acquisition, lease, preservation, protection, maintenance or development of open space, recreational sites, and natural resources identified on the list of significant resources developed by the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board. The criteria for the list of significant properties and resources to be promoted, acquired, leased, preserved, protected, maintained, or developed should be derived from the inventory section of the parks and open space plan, amongst others space including areas with significant natural, visual, and community benefits that positively contribute to the establishment of a Green Infrastructure network.

The Horry County Open Space Fund has a \$125,263.00 Article 4- Design Standards, section 6-3 Options for Providing Open Space Off-Site, states that 25% of fee-in-lieu funds “will go to the Horry County Recreation Fund for acquisition, improvement, expansion, implementation and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities throughout the County. It is within the purview of the Parks and Open Space Board to utilize the Open Space Fund to provide funding for this project up to \$3,693.60.

ANALYSIS:

Funding is needed to complete the refurbishment of the Garden City entrance signage on Highway 17. The following are the approximate costs of each of the needed items:

Price Proposal: \$3,693.60

The Parks and Open Space Plan specifically identifies three specific areas that support the use of this fund for the Garden City signage refurbishment:

- Inventory sections in Chapter 2: Parks and Recreation specifically list “Road Signs” and “Entrance Signs”
- Chapter 3: Open Space and Conservation specifically states “Green Infrastructure can be defined as a network of natural lands, such as forests, grasslands, wetlands, and waterways, that work together to preserve habitat, minimize stormwater runoff and flooding, protect water quality, and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation. Establishing an interconnected green infrastructure network relies on both landscape scale planning and site level design.”... ie, the Garden City beach area, the Garden City/Murrells Inlet tidal marsh area, the interconnected inlets and outlets in Garden City that provide waterway recreation and stormwater capacity... (Page 3.3)

- Chapter 3: Open Space and Conservation states “Improved Access to Open Space: By improving systems.” (page 3.3)

The Garden City signs state “Welcome to Garden City Beach” and have pictures of the beach and ocean on them. They are in the Road ROW. Because of the existence signs, there is improved access to the open space and public lands in Garden City simply by providing information to the public that they have entered into the Garden City Beach community. They provide improved opportunities for people to access nature in Garden City by telling passers-by that they are in a beach and related outdoor recreation of the inlet

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HANDCRAFTING SIGNS
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PROPOSAL

Garden City Beach – Welcome Signs
Attn: Victor Nobles

September 28, 2023

Refurbish and Repaint:

- One 4' x 4' Custom Made Routed HDU Sign Face and Two 6" x 6" Posts
on North End Sign
- One 76" x 120" Custom Made Routed HDU Sign Face and Two 8" x 8" Posts
on South End Sign

\$ 3,420.00

\$ 273.60 Tax

\$ 3,693.60 Total

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

Date: November 14, 2023
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Deputy Director
Regarding: 2024 Calendar of Meetings

ISSUE:

What meeting schedule should the Parks and Open Space Board Adopt for the 2024 calendar year?

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Parks and Open Space Board will meet eight times in 2024, at 12:00 noon in Multipurpose Room B. This includes eight (8) Meetings or Workshops on the following dates:

- January 9, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- July 9, 2024
- August 6, 2024
- September 17, 2024
- November 12, 2024

There are no meetings scheduled for February, June, October, and December. If needed, additional meetings can be scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Open Space Board meet on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday every month at 12:00 noon in Multipurpose Room B. Per County Ordinance, The Board must hold at least four (4) meetings annually, at least one (1) each quarter.

ANALYSIS:

The Parks and Open Space Board's By-Laws state in Article VI, Section I the following:

“Meetings be held quarterly (every three months) in a public facility accessible and open to the general public. The date, time, and location of each meeting will be set prior to the meeting. Board members shall be notified via telephone and/or email of short notice changes or meeting cancelations.”

The Horry County Code of Ordinances Article VII: Horry County Parks and Open Space, section 15-121 – Officers; rules of procedures; meetings; Support staff states the following:

“... The board shall meet at regular intervals but no less frequently than once every three (3) months.”