



HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 12:00 pm
Queens Cove Park, 150 Frontage Road B-2, Myrtle Beach 29579
Gravel road just past the Horry County Bike and Run Park

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Invocation**
 - 4. Introduction of Board Members**
 - 5. Minutes**
 - Approval of July 14, 2020 Minutes
 - 6. Public Input**
 - 7. Old Business**
 - Open Space Fund - Update
 - 8. New Business**
 - Potential Property Donation - Queens Cove Park – Patty Kennedy, Director of Conservation Management, EcoVest
 - Queens Cove Park – Potential Funding
 - 9. Presentation**
 - Parks and Open Space Plan DRAFT – Ashley Cowen, Planning & Zoning
 - 10. Discussion**
 - Board Member Updates
 - Staff Updates
 - 11. Announcements**
 - Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting: Strategic Planning - September 22, 2020 11:30am in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
 - Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – November 10, 2020 at 12:00pm
 - 12. Adjourn**
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consistency of the donation with adopted County Plans and long range goals. After recommendation from the Planning Commission, County Council will have to approve the final acceptance of this property as a Horry County Park.

As a Parks and Recreation property, the County would need to maintain ingress and egress to the site (as well as the access easement to the townhomes), maintain the drainage canals and easements, maintain vegetation and trails, maintain parking and site safety. Similar parks include: the Loris Nature Park in Loris, the Waccamaw River Park in Conway, Passive Park in Surfside Beach, and Vereen Memorial Gardens in Little River. Parks in the immediate vicinity include: Carolina Forest Recreation Center and Playground (also known as Palmetto Adventure Land), the Carolina Forest Bike & Run Park (also known as The Hulk), and the International Drive Ballfields).



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

Date: September 8, 2020
From: Planning
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Senior Planner
Cleared By: Leigh Kane, Principal Planner
Regarding: Queens Cove Park – Potential Funding

ISSUE:

Additional funds may be needed to complete the donation of the Queens Cove, LLC parcel to Horry County.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Option 1: Allocate a portion of the Open Space Fund.

Option 2: Request funds from Parks and Recreation to complete the project.

Option 3: Allocate a maximum amount from the Open Space Fund and request Parks and Recreation to cover the remaining necessary amount.

Option 4: Take no action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Option 3.

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.

ANALYSIS:

Additional funds may be needed to complete the donation of the Queens Cove, LLC parcel to Horry County. These funds would potentially be used to perform a Phase 1 or survey of the parcels. The Horry County Open Space Fund has a \$33,977.00 account balance. 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 Open Space Fund to provide full or partial funding for this project utilizing some or all of the \$6,681.75 remaining.