

Proposed Mini-Golf Regs Sent Back To Planning Board For Stiffening

BY LYNN CARLSON

Citing fears about noise, possible beer sales and late-night revelry, the Sunset Beach Town Council on Monday sent back to the planning board a set of proposed regulations for miniature golf courses.

"This would be the first time we've had any nighttime amusements at Sunset Beach, and we need to set good ground rules," Councilman Bud Scramton said before making his motion to send the proposal back. The vote was split, with only Council Member Mary Katherine Griffith dissenting.

Although there are currently no miniature golf courses at Sunset Beach, Mayor Mason Barber said an unnamed party is ready to apply, and another has made inquiries.

The planning board's original proposal, considered at Monday's town council meeting, would allow mini-golf courses only in the mainland business district and only on tracts of one acre or more.

Other requirements would include "unobtrusive lighting," two parking spaces per hold, an approved landscaping plan for the course and parking lot, an approved plan of traffic flow, restrooms and sound systems which do not "disturb or annoy" neighbors.

It would prohibit structures taller than 16 feet, attractions which "emit smoke or steam" and animated characters or animals. It would allow "inanimate life-size replicas of birds and animals indigenous to the area."

Resident Al Morrison told council, "Your proposed ordinance is very restrictive and, in some cases, not practical," and discouraged the board from attaching more conditions. He said Sunset Beach has a growing population of children and could benefit from "another recreational opportunity for the general public."

However, council members said they want to restrict hours of operation, prohibit alcohol sales and specify what types of lighting would be acceptable.

Public Hearings

Council scheduled three public hearings during its June 6 meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. Proposals to be considered include:

■Creating a "conservation reserve zoning district" which would include Bird Island and the island portion of the town limits. The zone would exist "primarily for the preservation of significant limited or irreplaceable areas which include major wetlands; open spaces; unde-

veloped shorelines that are unique, fragile or hazardous for development" and may permit "single-family, low-density residential uses" in upland areas.

■Amending the town's subdivision requirements setting standards for final plat approval. Planning Board Chair Richard Good said the proposed amendments cover "deficiencies" cited by Town Administrator Linda Fluegel, who was not at Monday's meeting.

■Amending the town's sign ordinance to limit directional signs to church or civic organizations which are not on the town's main thoroughfares and which are in the town's planning jurisdiction.

Other Business

The board also:

■Agreed to ask that the Shallotte Branch of the Brunswick County Library not be shut down during extensive renovations scheduled to begin in January 1994 and last until July 1994.

"I've gotten several calls and letters on this," Mayor Mason Barber told council, whose vote asked for "temporary services" to be provided during the renovations.

Councilwoman Cheri Cheek said, "There are a lot of school children who rely on the library and can't af-

ford to have encyclopedias at home. They ought to at least offer encyclopedias and other reference materials for the children."

The mayor added, "There's enough vacant office space in Shallotte to set up a great big library."

■Heard the mayor appoint Scramton and citizens Jim McDavid and David Kanoy to a committee to study cable television service in the town. The town's cable franchise with the Atlantic Telephone cooperative expires in 1995, and the mayor said citizens have complained about the company's service.

Scramton said the committee would "see what's available and maybe put pressure on Atlantic to do better by us."

■Witnessed the unveiling of the first Sunset Beach flag, a project sponsored by the town's beautification committee. The flag will be hoisted in a special Memorial Day ceremony at the oceanfront public gazebo.

■Learned that the beautification committee will host a public concert by the Air Force Band on June 28. Time and place have not been set.

■Voted to keep a 7 p.m. meeting time year-round. In the past, council has met at 7:30 between June and September.

'No Wrinkles' In Pumping Waste To Little River, Sunset Board Told

BY LYNN CARLSON

Government regulators will be asked to amend a sewer facilities plan to allow 300,000 gallons per day of wastewater to be pumped from downtown Calabash, Sea Trail Plantation and the Shoreline Woods area for four years, beginning in mid-1994, until a sewage treatment plant is constructed in southwest Brunswick County.

"I see no wrinkles in the plan at all so far," consulting engineer Joe Tombro told the Sunset Beach Town Council Monday, presenting documentation that the Little River (S.C.) Water and Sewerage Co., which would collect the wastewater, has agreed to such a temporary measure. The waste would be treated and disposed of by the Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority which serves the northern South Carolina beaches.

The construction of 80,000 feet of sewer main at an estimated cost of \$112,500 would be part of Phase 1-A of the sewer system plan proposed for Sunset Beach and Calabash by Powell Associates of North Myrtle Beach, an engineering firm. The plan would have to be approved by voters in both towns.

The monthly cost of pumping the sewage is estimated at \$6,000. However, the executive manager of the Little River Water and Sewerage Co. warns that "significant remuneration" will be required if the local sewage treatment plant is not ready within the specified time.

Engineers Tombro and Jim Billups will meet Monday with the

Waccamaw Regional Planning Council in Georgetown, S.C., to present their proposed "201 Facilities Plan Amendment" for the Grand Strand area. The engineers' document asks that the Grand Strand sewer region be extended to include the three areas of Calabash and Sunset Beach.

The Sunset Beach Town Council approved the engineers' plans; the matter will go before the Calabash Board of Commissioners on Tuesday.

The document cites the deterioration of water quality in the Little River basin from pollution in the Calabash River. "The land area having the greatest current direct adverse environmental impact on estuarine water is the downtown area of Calabash," it states.

The engineers estimate that downtown Calabash, with its 22 restaurants and 55 small businesses, would need to send 101,340 gallons per day of wastewater to the Vereen Wastewater Treatment Facility in Little River.

"The alleviation of pollutants from on-site septic systems entering the Little River via the Calabash River should have a significant positive impact on the area's water quality," they conclude.

Other areas to be served first would include the shopping center at the intersection of N.C. 904 and 179, single- and multi-family housing in Shoreline Woods, and Sea Trail Plantation. Mayor Mason Barber said Sea Trail "will pay most of its own expenses" for sewer ser-

vice.

The island of Sunset Beach, which the engineers' described in a public hearing last week in dire need of central sewerage, will not receive such service for several years, until a sewage treatment plant can be constructed in southern Brunswick County.

"If the capacity were there, we would do the island," Billups said.

The engineers' grand plan includes a regional wastewater/stormwater management system covering the area from the Lockwood Folly River south to Little River. The Brunswick County commissioners and several local town boards are seeking state funds to establish such a demonstration project, for which no cost estimates have been publicly released.

Only Sunset Beach and Calabash have made a commitment to the South Brunswick Water and Sewer Authority, formed by the towns as a "management entity" for the initial sewer project. Each town has three representatives on the authority, which will not be allowed to spend money or take official actions unless voters approve the sewer project.

Without any stormwater management component, is estimated that central sewer service to Sunset Beach and Calabash will cost \$25 to \$30 million. Engineers say that part of the plan can be paid for with loans, to be paid back with user fees, and outright government grants.

Canal Pollution
In response to a citizens' suggestion at a public hearing last week, the Sunset Beach Town Council will

ask the county health board to warn vacationers and residents that some finger canals are polluted and unsafe for swimming.

"There's definite human pollution in a couple of the canals, and this resident has requested that visitors be informed in some way," the mayor said.

Council members asked Attorney Mike Isenberg to draw up a resolution to be presented to the Brunswick County Board of Health expressing council's concerns and asking for assistance.

Fish Fry Planned

The Zion Hill Artisans Club will hold its first fish fry of the year Saturday, May 8, at 3 p.m. at the Cox's Landing Riding Club.

The club will serve fish, chicken, clam fritters, hush puppies, baked beans and homemade pies.

Plates will cost \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2.50 for children. Proceeds will be used to help senior citizens in the Zion Hill community.

Clarification

Contrary to a report in last week's newspaper, Holden Beach homeowner Ike Shelton did not purchase an advertisement in *The Brunswick Beacon* concerning a petition opposing a sewer system.

Shelton did bring a copy of the petition and money for the ad to the newspaper office. However, Shelton said he did not purchase the ad. He said several people helped pay for it.

ADOPT A PROGRAM

'Swat' Those Litterbugs

How many times have you been riding down the road and been infuriated to witness someone tossing a bottle or cigarette butt out of a car window? Now's your chance to take action.

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is adopting the state Department of Transportation's "Swat-a-Litterbug" program beginning this month.

"A cigarette butt takes 12 years to disintegrate, and a drink bottle takes many, many years," said Kelly Fields of the parks department.

If you witness someone littering, you can pick up a swat-a-litterbug card, fill it out and mail it to the address on the front of the card. The owner of the vehicle is sent a letter reminding him or her of the litter laws and the new increased fines for littering. Offenders can now be fined as much as \$500.

The cards are available at the Parks and Recreation Department and other locations. They state the

location, date, time and license plate number of the vehicle from which the litter was thrown.

If you'd like some cards, call the parks department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Free litter bags and portable ashtrays are also available.

May Breakfast Set

The Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual breakfast May 8 at the fire house on Pigott Road.

From 8-11 a.m., diners will have a choice of pancakes and sausage; grits, eggs and sausage; or ham biscuits.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

Cholesterol\$7.00
Chol, HDL (the "good" chol) & Risk Ratio.....\$18.00
Lipid Profile—Chol, HDL, LDL & Risk Ratio.....\$30.00
NEW PROSTATE BLOOD TEST\$45.00
A simple blood test can detect early prostate problems—the #2 cancer killer in men.

WAL-MART PHARMACY
9:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-6:00pm
May 10-11-12
Mon.—Tues.—Wed.
4540 Main St.
Shallotte
\$2.00 OFF
any package with this ad
Tests Processed Through Licensed Lab
Results Mailed within 7 days

Waverly 35%-50% Off

WALLPAPER PLACE

Coming Soon To Shallotte

Graber • Hunter/Douglas • Louverdrapes • Joanna

BEST BLIND PRICES

SPECIAL SHAPES MINIS VERTICALS PLEATED

UP TO **76% OFF** OPEN 9-6 Mon. Sat. 1-6 Sun.

•Blinds •Window Treatments
•Designer Wallpaper •Bedroom Ensembles

NORTHWOOD PLAZA
7746 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC
Next to Food Lion (803)449-2840

Your Family Deserves Good Clean Water

Why Lease When You Can Own Your Own?
Lancaster Water Conditioning Systems

Now only **\$498²⁵** with bypass

•Helps save on repairs and water heating cost
•24,000 Grain, fully automatic •Tastes Great!
•4 models in stock

Save on 80 lb. Bag Salt Only \$5⁹⁹

FREE WATER ANALYSIS
Authorized Dealers: PJ&A Plumbing, Waste & Water Services, Don's Plumbing, Brunswick Water Care

MILLIKEN HOME CENTER
The Shallotte Electric Stores • Main St., Shallotte • 754-6002
Leaders in Progress for the South Brunswick Islands

So Many Gifts, So Little Time 'til Mother's Day—This Sunday, May 9

Come to **Cheney's GIFTS**
Greeting Cards & Gifts

for the unusual & affordable gift & card that's just right!

Free Gift Wrapping • 579-8984

Hwy. 904 between Ocean Isle & Sunset (next to Food Lion)
Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5:30

Open Late Fri.-Sat. til 7:30 & Sun. 12-5 for Mother's Day

Treat Mom To Dinner At A Price You Can Afford
Sunday, May 9

Prime Rib Dinner
Baked Potato, Salad & Coffee or Tea
2 For \$12.95 (while they last)
(Bring this coupon for special price.)

Alice T's
Milliken Shopping Plaza • Shallotte
754-8989

ZENG'S GARDEN
Chinese Restaurant

LUNCH BUFFET \$4.55
FAMILY NIGHT BUFFET \$6.45 \$6.95
Mon.-Fri. 11-2:30 PM Mon. & Tues. Fri. & Sat.

Open Sunday-Friday 11AM-3, 4:30-9PM
Saturday-4:30-9:30 PM

For take-out call 754-5280
East Gate Square, Holden Beach Road • Shallotte

Kimberly Jo's Boutique
Ladies' Clothing • Wolff Tanning

Give Mom a **GIFT CERTIFICATE**
from Kimberly Jo's. It's sure to fit!
We have 2 Wolff tanning beds.

HOURS: Mon-Fri 8 AM until, Sat 10until
Other times by appointment
Located on Hwy. 179 in the Coastal Mechanical Bldg.
OCEAN ISLE • 579-7670 or 579-6290
"Name Brand Ladies' Fashions At Affordable Prices"

SAVE \$ SAVE \$

WAREHOUSE FURNITURE
Check Us Out! Low Prices!
Distributors

Check Out Our Everyday Low Prices!
IN STOCK!!!
Over 30 Sleeper / Sofas
Ready for immediate delivery.
Starting at only **\$329⁰⁰**

SAVE 20% TO 60% OFF List Everyday

Warehouse Furniture Distributors
Hwy. 90 Nixon's Crossroads (803) 249-8874
Direct Outlet For Highpoint Bedding

DELIVERY AVAILABLE
•IN-STORE FINANCING
•SPECIAL ORDERS
•INSTANT CREDIT
9-5:30 Mon-Sat