

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting
August 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Town of Edisto Beach
Town Hall
2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

The Regular Town Council Meeting was properly advertised and posted and met all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

Present

Mayor Crawford Moore, and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Robert Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell
Quorum of Council Present.

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mr. Bagwell led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting on July 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

Presentation

Lifesaving Award: Officer Eric Duvall

Mayor Moore announced the presentation of a Life-Saving Award to Officer Eric Duvall and invited Police Chief Daniel Seyle to present the award. The award recognized Officer Duvall for his heroic actions on July 2, 2026, in responding to a child in distress near Beach Access 37. Officer Duvall worked calmly to establish trust and defuse the situation, ultimately bringing the child safely aboard the Town's rescue boat.

Fire Chief Conley and Assistant Fire Chief Sallenger recommended Officer Duvall for the award in recognition of his compassion, professionalism, and actions that saved the child's life. The officer received a commemorative pin with the award. Police Chief Seyle noted that moments like this exemplify why officers serve their community and patrol each day, never knowing what the next call may bring.

Public Comment Period

Mayor Moore opened the public comment period. The following individuals provided public comment regarding the proposed Burley L. Lyons Park Project:

Charles Ghent provided public comment regarding the proposed boardwalk and pier, expressing concern about the size and visual impact of the current design compared to what he had initially understood. He urged Town Council to address citizens' concerns and reconsider the project.

Kim Moredock provided public comment regarding the proposed boardwalk and pier.
(Ms. Moredock's comments are attached to these minutes at her request.)

Leslie Collins provided public comment regarding the proposed boardwalk and pier.
(Ms. Collins's comments are attached to these minutes at her request.)

Dee Moseley provided public comment regarding the proposed project.
(Ms. Moseley's comments and supporting documentation are attached to these minutes at her request.)

Old Business

Burley L Lyons Park: Recommendation from TIDE Committee

Town Council received a recommendation from the TIDE Committee regarding the Burley L. Lyons Park project. The committee recommended that Town Council move forward with the boardwalk design for the park as initially approved by Town Council, with no changes, and proceed with the project as initially intended.

Mayor Moore recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Per the TIDE Committee's recommendation, Mr. Bagwell made a motion to proceed with the Burley L. Lyons Park project as initially intended and approved by Town Council. Mr. Renner seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) opposed, and one (1) recusal.

New Business

Customer Billing and Usage Portal Contract for New AMI Meters: Tyler Technologies

Council was asked to consider and approve a contract with Tyler Technologies for the customer billing and usage portal relating to the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System and customer support. The contract includes a one-time fee of \$4,239, which includes software, third-party hardware and services, and recurring annual costs of \$2,013. This project is being funded through state appropriations.

Mr. Renner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies for the customer billing and usage portal relating to the new AMI meter reading and customer support. The motion was approved unanimously.

Change Order for Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Council was asked to consider and approve the change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project from Haren Construction in the amount of \$816,882 for additional sludge removal encountered during the project, and a 30-day extension to complete the project. The Town has been awarded additional South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) Grant funds in the amount of \$402,108 to pay for this change order, and it is recommended the remaining balance of \$414,774 to be paid as follows: \$331,819.20 (80% of remaining balance) from the Water Fund, and \$82,954.80 (20% of remaining balance) from the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project from Haren Construction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and approved unanimously.

Approval of Contract for Fence Installation

Council was asked to consider and approve the contract award for the Town Hall area fence installation to Southern Fiber, Inc. and to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Southern Fiber in an amount not to exceed \$39,980. The work will include removal and disposal of the existing fencing and furnishing and installation of a new vinyl privacy fence. This project will be paid for with funds from the Capital Project Sales Tax.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Watts, to approve the contract award for the Town Hall area fence installation to Southern Fiber, Inc. and to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Southern Fiber in an amount not to exceed \$39,980. The motion was approved unanimously.

First Amendment to Agreement for Design-Build Services at Burley L. Lyons Park (RFP No. 2024-03)

Council was asked to consider and approve the First Amendment to the agreement with Destination Dock, Inc. for design-build services at Burley L. Lyons Park in the amount of \$19,800 for Change Orders 1 and 3. The additional amount is related to project delays associated with litigation and a material change to the project specifications for an upgrade to the decking only.

Mayor Moore recused himself from consideration of this matter.

The original contract amount was \$97,000. The amendment would increase the total contract amount to \$116,800. Of the contract amount, \$11,650 had previously been expended prior to the litigation, leaving \$105,150 remaining under the revised contract amount.

Mr. Renner made a motion to approve the First Amendment in the amount of \$19,800 for Change Orders 1 and 3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts.

The motion passed with four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) opposed, and one (1) recusal.

Fire Department Funding Recommendation for the Purchase of a Pierce Custom Fire Engine

Council was asked to consider and approve the purchase of a new Pierce Custom Fire Engine through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 082025, awarded to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. The contract was competitively solicited through Sourcewell's cooperative

purchasing program. This cooperative purchasing project is authorized under South Carolina law and the Town's Procurement Ordinance and provides fair and reasonable pricing. The purchase price of the fire engine is \$794,411, with proposed funding allocation of 55% of the purchase price from the Local Accommodations Tax Fund and 45% of the purchase price from the General Fund Vehicle Replacement Account.

Mr. Kizer recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the purchase of a new Pierce Custom Fire Engine through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 082025 in the amount of \$794,411.

The motion passed with four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) opposed, and one (1) refusal.

Bay Point and West Docksite Road Area Stormwater Study: Davis & Floyd, Inc.

Council was asked to consider and approve the award of the Bay Point and West Docksite Road Area Stormwater Survey to Davis & Floyd, Inc. in the amount of \$85,000, with funding from the General Fund Capital Improvement Project Fund.

Mr. Renner made a motion to award the Bay Point and West Docksite Road Area Stormwater Survey to Davis & Floyd, Inc. in the amount of \$85,000. Mr. Bagwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

State Accommodations Tax Funding Request

Council was asked to consider and approve a State Accommodations Tax funding request from the Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association (ORMPOA) for the Myrtle Street Outfall Project, Phase 1, in the amount of \$80,090.72. The request was reviewed by the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Board at its August 6, 2026, meeting; however, the Board tabled the matter and did not make a recommendation to Town Council.

Following discussion, Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the Accommodations Tax funding request from the ORMPOA in the amount of \$80,090.72 for the Myrtle Street Outfall Project, Phase 1. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Board Recommendations

Council was asked to consider and approve two project recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board for requests submitted by the Town of Edisto Beach. The ATAX Advisory Board met on August 6, 2026, and approved both requests for recommendation to Town Council.

- **Town of Edisto Beach–Beach Renourishment:** The first request was for \$150,000 in ATAX funding to be placed in the beach preservation fund for future beach nourishment.
- **Town of Edisto Beach–Bell Property Annual Bond Debt:** The second request was for \$100,000 in ATAX funding to be applied toward the General Obligation Bond authorized through referendum for the purchase of the Bell Property, also known as Bay Creek Park.

Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve both projects as recommended by ATAX. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagwell and approved unanimously.

Approval to Advertise Construction Board of Appeals Vacancies (2)

Council was asked to consider and approve advertising for two vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals due to terms ending on September 1, 2026, for Stanley Hergott and P. Kenneth Huggins, Jr.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to advertise two vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board/Committee Appointments

- Appointments to the ATAX Advisory Board (2)

Council voted by paper ballot to appoint two members to the ATAX Advisory Board. A majority of votes was received for Carla Cantrell for the At-Large Member seat and John Sigler for the Hospitality Sector Member seat, each for a three-year term ending August 1, 2029.

- Appointment to the Water and Sewer Committee (1)

Council voted by paper ballot to appoint one member to the Water and Sewer Committee. A majority of votes was received for Jody Kleckley to continue serving on the Water and Sewer Committee for a four-year term ending August 1, 2030.

- Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (1)

Council voted by paper ballot to appoint one member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A majority of votes was received for George Kostell to fill the unexpired term, ending September 1, 2027.

Following the announcement of the results for all four appointments, Mr. Kizer made a motion to approve the appointed members. Mr. Renner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Special Event Applications

#WhoYouWhit Benefit: October 10, 2026, Bay Creek Park

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application for the #WhoYouWhit Benefit to be held October 10, 2026, at Bay Creek Park. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

Mr. Bagwell recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the #WhoYouWhit application as submitted.

The motion passed with four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) opposed, and one (1) recusal.

2026 Edisto Fall Festival: October 10, 2026, Jungle Road

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the Fall Festival to be held on October 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend.

Mr. Bagwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kizer, to approve the 2026 Fall Festival application as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Edisto Beach Road Race: November 21, 2026, Wyndham Recreation Center

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the 2026 Edisto Beach Road Race to be held November 21, 2026, beginning at the Wyndham Recreation Center. The event will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 200 people are expected to participate.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Renner, to approve the 2026 Edisto Beach Road Race application as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

2026 Edisto Christmas Parade: December 12, 2026, Palmetto Boulevard

Council was asked to consider and approve a special event application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the 2026 Edisto Christmas Parade to be held December 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Kizer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, to approve the 2026 Edisto Christmas Parade application as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

The following department reports were presented to Town Council:

Building Dept.	July 2025	July 2026	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees	\$23,908.70	\$20,920.86	\$20,920.86
Construction Permits	3	0	0
Other Permits	46	37	37
Permit Fees	\$18,383.00	\$8,529.00	\$8,529.00
Inspections	89	77	77

- Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown noted there are 17 new homes currently under construction.
- Morgan Viars, Code Enforcement Officer, recently completed the required examinations to achieve the designation of Certified Building Official. Mr. Brown commended Mrs. Viars for her hard work and dedication.

Fire Dept.	July 2025	July 2026	YTD
Medical Related Calls	41	47	47
Fire Related Calls	3	5	5
EMS/Misc.*	45	42	42
Public Service**	50	41	41

(*includes alarms, hazmat, public assistance, water rescue, etc.)

(**includes fire inspections, beach wheelchair loan, welfare checks)

- The Edisto Beach Fire Department will celebrate its 50th Anniversary September 5, 2026, with an Open House Celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Chief Conley reported the appointment of Chris Outland as a part-time firefighter.
- The department responded to 11 emergency calls on July 11, 2026, marking a new single-day record.

Police Dept.	July 2025	July 2026	YTD
Miles Patrolled	13,963	12,767	12,767
Incidents & Calls for Service	332	409	409
Property Checks	2,074	1,940	1,940
Town Parking Tickets	291	195	195

- Police Chief Daniel Seyle reported the Beach Patrol early shift (6:00 am to noon) has been going well and continues to provide additional morning coverage.
- A conditional offer has been extended to a police officer applicant.
- The department provided surplus life rings to a neighboring community.

Utilities Dept.	July 2025	July 2026	YTD
Pumped MG Water	26,851,260	27,193,760	27,193,760
Treated MG Wastewater	5,315,179	3,712,610	3,712,610
Waterline Repairs	6	13	13
Work Orders	36	53	53

- Mr. Zemp noted his department assisted with the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series at Edisto July 15-18, 2026.
- The department is continuing with summer mowing and sweeping schedules.

Administration

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus presented the following updates to Council:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant: Aerated lagoon is back in service, with remaining project work underway. Completion remains on track ahead of the grant deadline.
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project: Town is moving forward with the customer billing and usage portal.
- Town Hall/EOC: Final punch-list items are being addressed, with Phase 2 costs forthcoming.
- SCDOT Project: Driveway connections are complete, with shoulder work and final roadway improvements underway.
- Two administration-related FOIA requests were received in July.

Council Time

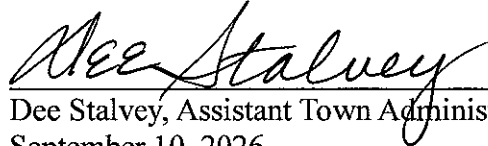
Council members had no additional comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kizer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dee Stalvey", is written over a horizontal line.

Dee Stalvey, Assistant Town Administrator
September 10, 2026

The permit from DES is not a building permit.

The contractor will need to apply for that.

All of you and the Town Administrator received a letter in May from a resident which contained a petition from around 100 property owners, many who do not live on the lagoon. The letter (which is attached for the minutes) requested that our Town ordinances be followed before a permit is issued. *Ordinance 86-135 shows that public docks are not a permitted right in an R1 neighborhood district but a public park is and any permit should trigger a full zoning review (public hearing, notice in paper 15 days before hearing, signage at the site, Planning Commission.)* Our building permit ordinance 14-71 requires zoning ordinances are met before a building permit is issued. The letter requested written confirmation that this would take place before permit issuance.

Noone responded to this resident. However, when asked about this by the Edisto News editor the Town Administrator responded, "the required approvals and decisions have already gone through the appropriate public processes."

Additionally, the DES permit does not convey that Accessibility and ADA codes are met. That is the Town's job. On the DES application, the contractor answered NO to the question about consideration of ADA accommodations

On the PARD grant application the Town wrote "The envisioned low boardwalk will allow citizens and visitors of all ages and mobility levels to access some of the TOWN's most beautiful and natural views." The application also affirmed that 2021 BCC and 2017 ICC A117.1 codes will be followed. The drawings do not show this. I have also heard Town officials describe this as assessable for all. It sounds good, doesn't it? While there are situations where those codes are not feasible, we should be honest about it.

Is this a good way to build relationships with our grant partners? The project is described in the grant as an assessable low boardwalk. Most of the Town communication about the project describes this as a boardwalk, not a fishing pier. Why?

The size of the structure has been misrepresented. The contractor's drawing was for a 143 ft of boardwalk that is 4 feet wide that leads to a 10 x 20 fishing pier. The distance from the beginning of the boardwalk to the outer edge of the pier is 153 feet...half the length of a football field. Of the 143 feet, 121 feet are protected wetlands.

This is not a low accessible boardwalk. It is a boardwalk with handrails 3 feet above the high water which leads to a public fishing pier in a small neighborhood where public docks are not permitted. Let's get the facts right, follow our ordinances, and listen to other ideas.

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2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

RE: Request for Zoning Review and Public Hearing – Proposed Fishing Pier/Dock in R1 District

To: Town Council, Mayor, Town Administrator

Please find attached letter from concerned property owners and residents regarding a building permit for the proposed fishing pier/dock currently under review in the Administrative Law Court. As outlined in the attached correspondence, we are formally requesting that the Town follow all applicable ordinances, including Ordinance 86-135, and ensure that no building permit is issued without proper zoning review, public notice, and a public hearing.

We request written confirmation that these procedures will be followed prior to any permit issuance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Keowne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cathy Keowne

720 Sandpiper Ridge
Edisto Beach, SC 29438
cwillis.keowne@gmail.com

Request for Public Notice, Zoning Review, and Hearing – Proposed Fishing Pier / Dock Structure

We, the undersigned property owners and residents, are writing about a building permit associated with the proposed fishing pier structure currently under review in the Administrative Law Court. It is our understanding that if the DES permit is upheld, the Town will proceed with issuance of a building permit. We request that the Town follow all applicable ordinances and procedural requirements prior to the issuance of any such permit.

Zoning Compliance – R1 District

Ordinance 86-135 clearly states that public docks are not a permitted use within an R1 district. The proposed structure is a fishing pier and functionally consistent with a public dock, not a passive park use. It is our understanding the Town's Building Code Administrator testified that issuance of a building permit would not trigger zoning review because a "park is a permitted use in an R1 district". We disagree. Categorizing a fishing pier as a "park" to avoid zoning review is inconsistent with the ordinance and does not reflect the true nature, use, or impact of the proposed structure.

Requirement for Zoning Review

Any building permit for this structure should trigger a full zoning review. A building permit issued administratively without zoning consideration is inconsistent with Ordinance 86-135 and undermines due process protections afforded to property owners.

Public Hearing Requirement

Given that the proposed use is not explicitly permitted in R1 zoning, the matter should be brought before the appropriate body—either the Zoning Board or Planning Commission—for formal review and determination.

Public Notice

Proper public notice should be provided, including:

- Posting of signage at the site

- Adequate notice to surrounding property owners

- Opportunity for public comment at a scheduled public hearing

Due Process and Transparency

Issuing a building permit without public notice and hearing would deny affected residents the opportunity to be heard and would be inconsistent with both the spirit and intent of the Town's ordinances. We are requesting written confirmation that:

- No building permit will be issued administratively

- A full zoning review will be conducted

- A public hearing will be scheduled with proper notice

- Signage will be posted at the site in advance of any hearing

We appreciate your attention to this matter and expect that all applicable ordinances and procedures will be followed to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness.

I'm not going to go.

I've spoken and written a couple times already about how special the lagoon is to me and my family, and I don't expect it to have much of an impact on the council or other attendees because Edisto is a special place to all of us for one reason or another. I think we all have similar goals today, and that is first and foremost to improve the town while not losing the "Edisto way" that has brought us all here as vacationers, owners, residents, or whatever else.

I've seen so many great projects taken on by the council, and many of them were borne from the master recreation plan that we've heard so much about in relation to this project. I participated in the initial survey and followed the updates as they came out. I understood that there was a recommendation for each of the parks on the island, but the numbers behind the master recreation plan just didn't compute for me as evidence for why to undertake a project of this size. Only 4% of respondents reported visiting Burley Lyons Park the most. At the same time, more than 80% of respondents mentioned that Burley Lyons park was meeting most or all of their needs. The plan also emphasized both "Reinforcing the Lowcountry feel through context-appropriate materials and low-impact site design" and "Balancing the needs of year-round residents with the seasonal population" as guiding principals. I think those are both extremely important in this context.

The current site of the Burley Lyons park, while meeting most or all of the needs of more than 80% of the respondents, could still use some improvements in order to be serviceable to more of the public and specifically the seasonal population like tourists, and I wholeheartedly agree with that sentiment. The current plan (that I'm aware of) includes first a large boardwalk with access to the same land as the current park accesses. While this still won't be ADA compliant for those with disabilities, I agree it could reduce foot traffic on native grasses, deter visitors from getting in the water which can be dangerous, and separating them from dangers like alligators. This may not perfectly match the "low-impact" site design that the master plan encouraged since it will still involve driving pilings and changing the landscape, but another principal of the plan encouraged the use of boardwalks to provide safe access to bodies of water.

The fishing pier at the end of the boardwalk, however, seems to go against both of the principals I mentioned. I'd argue that it is a significant change to the landscape and also fails to find a balance between the owners and residents on the lagoon and the seasonal tourists that would be the most common users. Is a project of this size reasonable for a site with an absolute maximum of 6 parking spots (and that's dubious at best)? Would it not save the town money to reduce the size of the project and stick with just a boardwalk? I hope the council is still open to some of the ideas of the people and won't just move on with the project in its current configuration given the pushback from the public that they've seen up to this point. I'm hoping for some kind of compromise here, rather than just opposing the project as a whole, because I do think we are all working towards the same overall goal here.

My name is Dee Moseley and I live at 704 Jungle Road.

I won't take much of your time tonight. As you know, I stood before you at the work session and read my statement asking that you downsize the Burley Lyons Park project by eliminating the pier. In my statement I quoted some statistics from the survey results which were used in preparing the Recreation Master Plan. I did not see it, but I have been told that some members of the audience were shaking their heads as if what I was saying was untrue.

I did not make those numbers up and for the public record and the minutes of this meeting I have attached a copy of that statement documenting the page numbers where I found the information.

It is no secret that I have been opposed to the pier from the day I first learned of it and I would be surprised if there is a person in this room who would welcome it into their back yard. However, I am afraid that nothing short of an act of God is going to prevent its construction so I will have to learn to live with it. This place that Burley Lyons called "a little piece of heaven on earth" is too small and too precious for us to be enemies, so it is my hope that we can all continue to be friends who agree to disagree from time to time.

My name is Dee Moseley and I live full time at 704 Jungle Road. I am here today because I perceive that these work sessions are when matters are discussed and decisions made on how you will vote. Allowing public comments at the regular meeting is like closing the barn door after the horse got out if your decisions have been made and there is no discussion.

I am genuinely having a hard time understanding how we got to this point with the Burley Lyons Park project. I understand that the survey was done and the results of that survey were used in designing the master plan. So, I have spent some time recently studying the survey results and was surprised by what I found. For example: When asked if Burley Lyons Park met most or all of your needs, 81.7% of the 448 respondents said that it did and only 18.3% said it did not. P. 16

Further down on the survey beginning on p. 126 of the master plan document there is a checklist asking people if they have participated or would like to participate in a long list of recreational activities. The results for those addressing the fishing issue are as follows:

Fishing	1 has done	1 would like to	2 persons	P. 127
Crabbing/fishing from dock		1 would like to	1 person	P. 131
Fishing, crabbing, shrimping		1 would like to	1 person	P. 131
More fishing spots		1 would like	1 person	P. 132
Town docks for fishing/crabbing		1 would like	1 person	P. 133

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Now I can't determine if that was actually 6 different people or 1 person checking multiple boxes but it is certainly not indicative of a large number of folks asking us to build a fishing pier.

So, the folks from Toole Design Group were paid a goodly sum to come in, evaluate the results of the survey and design our master recreation plan and they determined that it was a good idea to put a fishing pier in the lagoon in the midst of a residential area.

When I have asked the question "Why are they doing this?" I have received 1 of 2 answers. I've been told, "It's public property and the public has a right to use it." My question is why do they have the right to be in the middle of it when that restricts the views, rights, and enjoyment of others? The fishing piers at Bay Creek Park are adjacent to the bank—not extending out into the center of the creek.

The second answer I've been given is it is in the master plan. I would like to point out that the master plan is just that—a plan. It isn't yet a reality. Plans can be altered and that is what I am begging you to consider. Go ahead and build the boardwalk so people don't have to slog through the muck. Let them fish from the boardwalk. They have been happily fishing from that same area for years while standing on the marshy ground.

I was told sometime last year that the grant for this project was good until June of this year. I don't know if that has been extended or other funding has been obtained but downsizing the project would be a good way to handle a shortage of funds.

If you feel that you must build a pier, please downsize it to something more appropriate to the setting and expected usage. Please consider backing off from building that pier extending out into the center of this small end of the lagoon.