



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025-2:00 P.M.**

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5. Playground Discussion
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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick, Vice Chair Mike Pearson, and Members Peggy Schiavone, Melanie Champion and Suzannah Tucker. Town Manager Bryan Chadwick and Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson were also in attendance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Agenda Approval

Make a motion to approve the agenda Member Champion; second Vice Chair Pearson; approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Member Schiavone; second Member Champion; approved by all.

Programs and Facilities Update

Starting with a strand report, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said the beach had a cliff running along it in sections on Monday, prior to the storm, but most of that was leveled out the past few days. Several logs and boards were removed by Parks and Rec Tech Waldroup and the Public Works crew yesterday. She said the beach seems to have fared well despite the offshore activity. She continued by saying the strand does narrow up a bit in the 600 block.

In moving to the inlet, she said the Corps still has to dredge the inlet for navigation purposes. As reported previously, the Lockwood Folly Inlet was bumped back on the schedule from the July/August timeframe because there was emergency dredging needed further north and it is a national asset. Current schedule is for that dredging to occur in October. As far as dredging to place sand on the beach, the bid was opened by the Corps and the Board of Commissioners (BOC) made the motion to transfer the local share to fund the project to the state through the MOA at their last meeting via a budget amendment. The background work on that has been done.

Finally, Fran Way is currently on the schedule for November to come update the BOC on the annual monitoring. She told the PRAB they may be interested in attending that meeting.

Moving to facilities, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated the walkway at 103.5 was delayed for repairs but construction started this morning. She said the contractor needed to be able to stage materials and supplies and it was easier to coordinate when the summer season ended. Turning to the bathroom at Block Q, she added it has gone through more ebb and flow of work completed and that same work repeated. Continuing to work toward finishing this up.

Upcoming Programs

As advertised, Barktoberfest will be October 24th at 5 p.m.

Trunk or Treat will be October 31st at 5:30 p.m.

The Veterans Appreciation will be held November 10th at 11:30 a.m. and the Volunteer Appreciation will be November 14th at noon. She asked the PRAB to please be sure to respond if they will attend the latter so the Town can have an accurate headcount for board members and their guest.

Playground Discussion

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that in the early spring we had a discussion about playground equipment and from the designs the PRAB narrowed it to option 5.0 which she displayed as a reminder. She said the Town reached back out to another vendor and asked specifically to provide a cohesive theme related to our area. She presented the two new concepts to gain feedback. She would like for the board to narrow the designs to one and then we will likely do one more for comparison before a recommendation from this board goes forward to the BOC.

Chair Vick asked about small elements, how often they are used and ADA compliance. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that most of those are sensory items and are inclusive but so are the others. By consensus, the board eliminated the third choice. Consensus of the board was the first design which was 5.0. Direction was given to go back to the second company and get the two areas at the front of the playground programmed. Also, the board directed staff to get an updated quote from the first company.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Member Tucker shared that the lead band director for the Extraordinaires, Rusty Bunton, offered when it reaches the point of discussing the stage/bandstand, that he would be glad to come give feedback from the bands' perspective of what might be needed to the BOC.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Member Champion (2:45 p.m.); second Vice Chair Pearson; approved by all.