



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026-2 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. McGill Presentation and Discussion
6. Adjournment



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026-10 A.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were: Chair Candace Vick and Members Peggy Schiavone, Suzannah Tucker, Julie Lopez, Martie Arrowood and Martha Spires. Member Ray Edwards joined by phone. Town Manager Bryan Chadwick and Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson were also in attendance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Approval

Chair Vick asked for agenda approval.

I make a motion we approve the agenda, Member Schiavone; second Member Lopez; approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Vick asked for approval of the minutes.

Make a motion Member Schiavone, second Member Spires; approved by all.

Welcome of New Members

Chair Vick suggested that everyone introduce themselves. Each board member gave their background. They were all very involved in the community and enjoy Holden Beach.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson told the board that each year at the first meeting after appointments, Chair and Vice Chair positions are filled. She said that Candace has been Chair and is eligible to continue serving with her appointment. There can also be nominations for both positions from the floor. The board can choose to vote by ballot or aloud. If the board votes by ballot, each member will need to write their name on the sheet they submit. We will first take nominations for Chair and then Vice Chair.

Make a motion to nominate Candace Vick by Member Tucker; second Member Schiavone; approved by all.

I make a motion to nominate Suzannah Tucker as Vice Chair, Member Schiavone; second Member Lopez; approved by all.

Program and Facilities Update

In a program update, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that concerts are still going well. They are especially well attended at the new facility. She gave a reminder that the PRAB has the 50/50 Labor Day weekend. Additionally, on Sunday, August 23rd she stated that the Recreation Department is partnering with the Police Department for Stuff the Truck Back to School Supply Drive. Any additional hands that can come from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for collections would be great. She also stated that tide dye ends this week.

Moving to facilities, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that we are trying for Friday, September 4th at 11:00 a.m. for the ribbon cutting of the stage. She told the board we still have some challenges with trying to stop vandalism of the public facilities including the restrooms and the pier shower. She also informed them that the Town has to replace part of the bulkhead at Sailfish Park because it is failing. Bids are due back this Friday.

In a dredging and beach strand update, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said The Merritt is scheduled to be here September 2nd -13th to dredge the inlet. Between the crowds, and the soft sand which is only alleviated with rain, it has been exceptionally hard for the beach rangers to navigate this year. She said as a new member it is important for them to understand that beach rangers can't ride up next to the dune line. It burns the motors up to stay up in the soft sand the entire time and they cannot see holes that they are asked to help control from that vantage point.

Vice Chair Tucker said all the chairs are around the dancefloor at the new location. She suggested making a path with cones or a different option. She said she thinks it's hard to traverse. She also stated she cried when she saw the damage on the stage floor because this was four years in the making to get this stage. She said even if we had dummy cameras it might deter vandalism. Chair Vick said vandalism of parks and recreation facilities is not new and is seen nationwide.

Member Spires asked about a flag system and why we didn't have one. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson gave some information about the staffing that would be required and how there would still be risks. Member Arrowood mentioned the QR code and how it changes immediately and how well it works at the stations the fire department has placed on the beach.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Chair Vick asked about adjournment.

Make a motion Vice Chair Tucker (10:23 a.m.); second Member Schiavone; approved by all.