



# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025-2:00 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment



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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, May 1, 2025 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick and Members Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, and Ray Edwards. Interim Town Manager Christy Ferguson was also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Agenda Approval**

Chair Vick asked if she could get approval of the agenda as presented.

*So moved Member Bannerman; second Member Schiavone; approved by all.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Make a motion to approve Member Edwards; second Member Schiavone; approved by all.*

**Programs and Facilities Update**

Interim Town Manager Ferguson said the egg hunt was a tremendous success. She would like to thank the PRAB for their assistance. She said she has someone interested in teaching Pilates for the summer. There will be more information to come regarding an interest list. She said the Beach Ranger Program will begin the week before Memorial Day.

Interim Town Manager Ferguson continued that Avenue E facilities have been open for a few weeks. The Town is getting compliments on the new addition. Block Q restroom construction is scheduled to begin next week. She said the contractor has been doing preliminary survey work and staff has been completing utility locates. Staff is also working on specifications to try to redo the walkway at Jordan out of this year's budget. It needs some upgrades to begin our ADA self-assessment journey. She said if Easter is any indication, we will have lots of visitors on the island this summer.

Interim Town Manager Ferguson continued that the Women's Club and Rotary Club are both planning to do toy chest projects at two beach accesses. She also mentioned that the proposed budget includes: a master plan for Block Q, concert venue, phasing of playground equipment, and engineering on the pier.

The board asked when tide dye is scheduled to begin. She answered June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Playground Discussion**

Interim Town Manager Ferguson mentioned that she had spoken to a couple of playground vendors as part of budget preparation work. She wanted to show the board some ideas to gather feedback on what a new playground facility might look like if we go with a themed route. She said the designs she would be showing consider the poles we have on the playground now for shade sails so that items fit in spaces and meet fall zone requirements.

### **Public Comment**

Ron Bristol 157 OBE- Four meetings ago he made a presentation on pickleball. Met with three BOC members after the most recent town Board of Commissioners' meeting. Was extremely disappointed in each one of them as they said there was not economic impact in pickleball. Not sure where the loss of communication is in that they had not received the survey that was submitted to the PRAB. He said one of the commissioners said they need to do more for the fisherman, that pickleball has no economic impact, and that it should take a distant importance to the people of Holden Beach. By the time this gets done the pickleball community in this general area of Brunswick County will have far surpassed Holden Beach. Almost don't need to put courts in if you are going to wait until 2029 or 2030.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn Member Bannerman; second by Member Schiavone; approved by all (2:33 p.m.).*