



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025-2:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. Playground Discussion
6. Public Comment
7. 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, April 3, 2025 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick, Vice Chair Mike Pearson, and Members Melanie Champion, Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, Keith Smith 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

Make a motion to approve the agenda Member Champion; second Member Bannerman; approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Make a motion to approve minutes Member Smith; second Member Champion; approved by all.

Program and Facilities Update

Interim Town Manager Ferguson stated that the Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 18th, Good Friday. Currently there are 284 registered. She said that volunteers are needed. She also stated that the concert schedule was released this week. She announced that she has placed a copy of the schedule at their seats. The PRAB needs to decide by consensus which concerts they want to work for the 50/50, as other entities are beginning to reach out to her to claim spots. She told them the Town has the first pick at dates. Consensus is Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Interim Town Manager Ferguson reported that staff held the pre-construction meeting with the contractor and architect onsite for the Block Q restrooms and parking this morning. She said the Town is still waiting for power for the new restrooms at the east end. Brunswick Electric is a few days behind on what they expected. She continued that the pier building demolition started this week. She also relayed that she has been working with a few playground companies regarding options for equipment at the park for next year and getting ideas. The board asked some questions about equipment and grant opportunities.

In moving the discussion to beach mats, Interim Town Manager Ferguson reported that more mats were ordered to accommodate the ADA agreement and for additional town walkways. Those are

being placed by public works. She stated that she attended a Regional Sand Management workshop the previous Tuesday at UNCW. The goal was to see how stakeholders may want to manage sand on a regional level instead of a community-by-community level. She said there was interesting discussion with breakout sessions but one of the points that she brought forward is that trust would be a huge part of any undertaking because it involves thinking in ways that are in contrast to natural processes. Specifically, when you think of conservation of a limited resource, you think of minimizing use and limiting access, not sharing. One of the things identified throughout the sessions is that there needs to be someone at the state level over this initiative if it is proposed to work. She stated that there would be more to come as discussions evolve. She also informed the board that the link to the beach monitoring report is on the website as she had previously mentioned in email.

Chair Vick said she would like to thank Vice Chair Pearson for his presentation at the Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the pickleball/multipurpose court tasker.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The next meeting was announced as May 1st.

Adjournment

Chair Vick asked if she had a motion to adjourn.

So moved Member Bannerman; second Member Schiavone; approved by all. (2:19 p.m.)