



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024-2:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. Master Plan Discussion
6. Pickleball Court Discussion
7. Public Comment
8. 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, October 3, 2024 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick and Members Melanie Champion, Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, and Ray Edwards. Vice Chair Mike Pearson and Member Keith Smith reported ahead of time that they could not attend the meeting. Town Manager David Hewett and Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson were also in attendance.

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approval

Make a motion to table the master plan discussion to next month and remove from the agenda Member Edwards; second Member Champion; approved by all.

Move to vote on amended agenda for October 3rd meeting by Member Bannerman; second Member Edwards; approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of September 5th by Member Schiavone; second Member Champion; approved by all.

Programs and Facilities Update

Reporting on programs, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that chair yoga classes are ending because there was not enough participation; however, an additional yoga sculpt class will be added to Monday's lineup prior to the regular class. She stated that shag lessons have seven couples signed up and could use a few more. She offered that several recreation programs are currently on the town's website for pre-registration for fall, as was discussed last month, and she would not go through them all. She did remind the board that the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for October 25th at 11:30 a.m. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated she was not sure that she has heard back from all of the PRAB on whether they could attend. She reported that Brunswick Wellness Coalition contacted her about an event to encourage folks in our community to walk a mile on November 16th but the contact person has not reconnected with details. Depending on

how that unfolds she told the board they may see that added to the current lineup as simply publicity to join the county-wide effort, not something we will run and operate. She said it will be self-led.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that the town was honored with the Community Sustainability award for communities under 10,000 in population for our beach nourishment project last week in Pittsburgh through the International City/County Management Association. The ICMA article has been placed at your seats for the PRAB to read at your leisure.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that currently, we anticipate Fran Way, our coastal consultant engineer, to be at the November BOC meeting to give his annual report on the status of the beach. She hopes that the PRAB can be at the meeting. She said that Mr. Way always does a good job of breaking down his report to the public with an overview presentation. Chair Vick asked about an assessment of the strand after the storm events. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated from the visits so far, it appears the sand is still in the system and will work its way back onshore over time like it has with some of our past storm events.

Moving to facilities, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson offered the restroom at 114 OBE opened since the PRAB's last meeting and the lighting issue has been resolved. She said we are still getting quotes on the crack in the asphalt seam that needs to be repaired on the Bridgeview Court. She reported we had a bid opening for the Ave E ADA project to include a public restroom at the East End last Friday. There was a bid opening today for 801 OBW's walkway. Public accesses fared well during the storm.

The board asked a couple questions about the holidays. Specifically, about Christmas and where that would occur.

Public Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Myers asked about cleaning the bike lanes and if it was a recreation function. Town Manager Hewett answered that as he had told the BOC before, he saw it as a public works function paid for from the general fund and he is working on resources to get the cleaning accomplished.

Member Edwards asked if we could look at putting a disability swing in the park because he had a question from a citizen regarding that.

Member Champion said congratulations for the award. Chair Vick said its nice to be recognized for doing something right.

Adjournment

Chair Vick asked for a motion to adjourn

So moved Member Bannerman; second Member Champion; approved by all (2:16 p.m.).

10 Year Anticipated Future Rec. Project List

Bridgeview Park

Install Fishing Platform/wildlife observation deck

\$50,000 - 2027-28

Add shade and additional seating near basketball court

\$85,000 - 2021-22 seating added

Jordan Blv. Pavillion - demolished

Sailfish Drive Park - Master plan not approved

Halstead Park

Repair existing pier and fishing platform for ADA accessibility

\$50,000 - 2022-23 yes & parking/ handrails this year

Install fish cleaning station to fishing platform

\$ 7,000 - 2021-22 not a high priority at this time

Install canoe/kayak launch (not possible)

\$12,500 - 2025-26

Add educational signage

\$ 5,000 - 2026-27

Holden Beach Fit Trail

Update equipment and provide instructional signage

\$100,000 - 2027-28

Improve ADA accessibility (pervious concrete pad for each station)

\$ 81,000 - 2021-22

Holden Beach Pocket Park

Provide area for revolving art sculpture

\$ 1,500 - 2023-24 schools

Improve ADA accessibility

\$ 1,500 - 2021-22

Olden Holden Bike Route

Improve accessibility and wayfinding

\$ 75,000 - 2023-24

Beach/Water Access Sites

Install high visibility signage to denote available parking

\$ 12,000 - 2021-22 paid parking handled

Add high visibility crosswalks where necessary

\$ 10,000 - 2021-22 have all that are allowed by DOT

Add waterless restroom to beach access at McCray Street parking area

\$100,000 - 2023-24 114 OBE instead

Add waterless restroom to beach access at end of Ocean Blv. E. ROW

\$100,00 - 2023-24 Ave E under contract

Add doggy bag stations at all sites

\$ 4,000 - 2022-23

Improve ADA accessibility

\$ 5,000 - 2021-22 accomplishing as allowed based on site

Scotch Bonnet Park Development - not available at this time

796 Ocean Blv. - Public Building - for sale

sold

Future Projects

Holden Beach Pier

ICWW Access Points - signage and pathways to ICWW

Linear Park - Sandspur waterway walk

Linear Park - Connect town hall to facilities near the bridge

Dog Parks - Scotch Bonnet Drive and Ocean Blvd/Brunswick R.O.W.



Date: November 1, 2024

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

From: Heather Finnell, Town Clerk

Re: Board of Commissioners' Tasker

At the October meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board voted to task the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) with evaluating Town-owned properties to determine a location to add pickleball courts to the island. The Board would like the PRAB to look at neighboring communities and determine the requirements/specifications needed to identify the potential locations. Below is an excerpt of draft minutes from the meeting to assist you in your efforts.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HAVING THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD DO AN EVALUATION OF ADDING PICKLEBALL COURTS TO THE ISLAND

Commissioner Dyer stated one of the Board's objectives was to consider locations for pickleball courts. She thinks with the growing popularity the Town has outgrown the current location. She would like the PRAB to look at some locations on Town-owned land. She said if the stage will be moved to Block Q, they can take into consider where the old pavilion was, there is land in the 800 block and there is land at the end of Lois and Gerda. There are a bunch of different sites, but specifications/requirements need to be determined. She would like the PRAB to supply the Board with cost estimates to the best of their ability on similar projects currently being constructed in the area.

Commissioner Thomas agreed that the Town has outgrown the facility for pickleball. She would like to include looking at Block Q to the tasker. She suggested talking to Lockwood Folly and Ocean Isle Beach to get cost ideas. Commissioner Paarfus is in favor of looking for new sites. He said the first thing is to establish some minimum requirements. He would like the PRAB to determine the requirements that are needed and then look at properties. He would like to see the pavilion area/Block Q addressed collectively, but there may be other properties that are viable. Town Manager Hewett said surveying and maybe wetland delineation may be required. He said staff needs to be able to use the Available to Appropriate line in the BPART Fund in case there is a line item that needs to be paid to do this work so we can execute it without being pennywise and pound foolish. Inspections Director Evans explained you need to take into account usable area to identify locations. Using funds to move forward was discussed. Town Manager Hewett said a budget

amendment would not need to be completed. If funds are needed, it would be sourced from Available to Appropriate.

Motion by Commissioner Smith that we approve Town Manager Hewett to use \$5,000 and with the PRAB's recommendation on court sizes to find the location for us to put these; second by Commissioner Paarfus; approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Thomas asked if they would also look at other items that are appropriate such as proximity to bathroom facilities. Assistant Town Manager Hewett replied she believes they would be considering if there is enough parking there and restrooms because you cannot have that type of occupancy without the restrooms.

PickleBall Information

What is the court size for recreational pickleball?

20 feet by 44 feet

For recreational players, a standard pickleball court measures 20 feet by 44 feet. USA Pickleball's guidance on minimum playing surfaces requires the court to sit evenly inside a 30-foot width and 64-foot length, which adds 10 feet to the width and 20 feet to the length. Ideal orientation is North – South.

Other amenities needed.

Criteria to use when evaluating property.

Other questions:

1. How many courts do we need/want? Or How many courts can we accommodate on the land available?

Pickleball and tennis were facilities mentioned in the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan for Town of Holden Beach, Sept. 2021. On page 31, Section 3.5 in Table 3.3, pickleball was included.

Pickleball - 1/5000 residents – we currently have 2. (Standard doesn't take into account usage/popularity)

Pickleball play has conflicted with basketball and yoga usage at current location.

2. How to address the noise factor?

In some communities, noise from pickleball is becoming a problem with home owners. Unlike tennis, the noise from the paddle hitting the ball is loud.