

## Heather Finnell

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**From:** michael pearson <mpear2@atmc.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2025 7:49 PM  
**To:** Heather Finnell  
**Subject:** Board of Commissioners

I would like to address agenda item #24, the approval of funding for playground equipment.

It goes without saying, that I am in total agreement to approve the budget ordinance to provide the funding for the equipment. What I would like to see is the board take this action a step further and approve enough funds for the town to replace all the equipment at the park at one time. It really makes responsible financial sense to do the whole park at one time. I know that the second part of playground equipment replacement is scheduled for next budget year, but it can be moved forward and the town definitely has the financial resources to do the complete project.

Doing the entire playground will save the town money in the long run by not having to pay twice for old equipment removeable, shipping, labor, mobilization, and equipment will no doubt be more expensive next year. The current equipment is 10-11 years old. The lifetime of this equipment in this environment is 10 years, so if the town decided to do the entire project now, this project will be done, over with, and future boards won't have to deal with it and can move on to other town projects. The park is the centerpiece of our recreational amenities, and is very important to residents, vacationers, and our extended community. From a visual standpoint, why would you want to put a new piece of equipment with 10 year old equipment. In my opinion, that would be the worst look for our town. All new equipment would express to people that the Town of Holden Beach is committed to provide the nicest amenities for everyone.

From a liability standpoint, new equipment will lessen the possibility of an injury since the old equipment will have so much wear and tear and damage from our environment.

I encourage all members of the board to approve the additional funds, and give the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager authority to execute a contract for replacing all the playground equipment over the winter.

Sincerely,  
Mike Pearson  
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