



# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024-2:00 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Open Discussion with Pickleball Players
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, November 7, 2024 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick, Vice Chair Mike Pearson, and Members Melanie Champion, Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, Ray Edwards, and Keith Smith. Assistant 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 we approve the agenda by Member Champion; second by Member Smith; approved by all.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Move we approve the minutes by Member Bannerman; second by Member Champion; approved by all.*

**Programs and Facilities Update**

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that Barktoberfest and the Trunk or Treat were lots of fun. She said she appreciated the board's help at Trunk or Treat. She continued that the Veterans Appreciation Event is scheduled for tomorrow. The shag lessons are going well. She reminded the PRAB that Fran Way, our coastal consultant engineer, will be at the November Board of Commissioners meeting to give his annual report on the status of the beach.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that the Turkey Trot registration is on target for what we usually have attend and will be held Thanksgiving morning. She stated that the Tree Lighting is set for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeview Park. She informed the board that the Sandy Paws Dog Parade and the Santa Saunter and Reindeer Run will be Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moving to facilities, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said the walkway at 801 OBW is coming along well. She expressed there was another unexpected issue that developed at Bridgeview Park.

The pumpout unit that the boaters use has to be replaced. She said currently the staff is advising all rentals that they will not have access until the unit is replaced.

### **Master Plan Discussion**

Chair Vick prepared a document that may be easier to read regarding the status of projects. It provides an update to where we are. Chair Vick asked about the bike route that is listed. Member Smith said that the pickleball item got him to go look at the pavilion and asked if it would be a good solution to take a helicopter view of the whole thing. Chair Vick says she thinks we need to put that in the parking lot at the moment. We may end up there but we have a very specific tasker. Chair Vick says that eventually she thinks this group will recommend we do a new master plan because the current one says that we should tie some things together. Member Edwards asked about the playground equipment. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that the playground equipment was not specifically included in the parks and recreation master plan because it's based on use and maintenance issues. It is something we need to continue to look at. Member Smith mentioned in the long term there is a chance to move things around for better flow at Jordan, possibly changing the boat ramp.

### **Pickleball Court Discussion**

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said the tasker from the Board of Commissioners is in the packet. Chair Vick said that we need to understand the tasker. There are some pictures and information for your use. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson explained Block Q, Jordan Blvd., Sand Dollar Lot across the street from town hall, the 700 Block, the 800 Block, and the ROW between Brunswick and OBW, as outlined in the parks and recreation master plan, were locations that had been discussed by staff or from the tasker.

Chair Vick said if we go and visit and talk about the spaces, at some point we need Planning Director Evans to attend our meetings to talk about things from the planning and building standpoint. Member Smith asked if the playground equipment could be moved and pickleball court could be there. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that the park was at capacity with stormwater and pervious surface. Restrooms onsite were discussed.

The tasker was discussed. Whether it is worth it to put one court in and have bathrooms and parking for one court was discussed. Required amenities and proximity to beach accesses were expressed as items to consider.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that there is some user-user information that needs to be considered. She shared what's happened at Ocean Isle as well as a letter from a child to our mayor. Chair Vick said we need to think about sound.

Member Smith talked about the standard for courts and population and said when you look at the standard we have more than we need now. Chair Vick says standards are one thing. If we need to meet the need because of more users that needs to be considered. She said she probably sees between 2 and 4 additional courts as a good working number to explore. She thinks we can look at some sites. Member Smith said focusing on the requirements that are needed is important (parking, bathroom, lighting, fence).

Dimensions of courts were mentioned.

Chair Vick said to think about how much time it will take for the tours.

BOC Member Thomas stated she could get access to Oyster Harbor if the board wanted to look there.

*Make a motion we go to Lockwood Folly and Ocean Isle, both places at Ocean Isle by Member Smith, second by Member Edwards; approved by all.*

Member Pearson had a question regarding depth on the marsh lots discussed early. He said you are going to have to bulkhead them in certain areas. Chair Vick said those are some of the things that Planning Director Evans will need to advise on.

#### **Public Comment**

Mayor Pro Tem Myers said to be cognizant of neighbors and inform and engage the public. He would hate to see a lawsuit because of lights, parking, etc.

Member Thomas said that Lockwood Courts are much smaller. The one across the street is bigger than needed because of space for basketball.

Member Edwards said if he sees this from a lights perspective and bathrooms, Block Q seems logical because they are already there.

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn (3:04 p.m.) Member Champion; second Member Schiavone; approved by all.*

