



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018- 2:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018. Present were: Chair Karen Fleischhauer, Members Dolly Mitchell, Olivia Gomez, and John McEntire. Member Legge arrived at 2:05 p.m. Vice Chair Willis and Member Payne could not attend. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Member Mitchell to approve the agenda; second by Member Gomez; approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Member McEntire to approve the minutes as written; second by Member Gomez; approved by unanimous vote.

PROGRAM AND RENTAL UPDATE

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that tide dye, camp, and concerts are well attended. She continued that yoga numbers are still up as well. She told the board that rentals of the picnic shelter are up since the splash pad went in. She said it was rented several weekends in June and is scheduled for such in July and August.

BRIDGEVIEW PARK RIBBON CUTTING

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that several grant organizations would be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony, some with multiple attendees. She said that Beautification Club, specifically Becky Greene, created the flower pot arrangements in front of the picnic shelter. She continued that one palm tree in the park would be replaced because it was dead. She stated that other landscaping cannot occur at this time on the grassy area between the picnic shelter and Davis Street, as that is the place where all utilities converge on the site. She told the board that the POA gave funds for another climbing ladder for the net climber. Member Mitchell asked what would happen if it rains for the ribbon cutting. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that the event would be held under the picnic shelter so it would be rain or shine.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ACCESS 289.5 OBW

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson told the board that the Town submitted a pre-application in April for the NC Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program and just found out that we have been invited to submit a final application. She said this is for the PRAB's overall #1 choice for development from the beach access exercise completed a few months ago. The address is 289.5 OBW. She stated she would like a motion of support for submitting the final application before taking it to the BOC in August. She said there is money included in this year's budget that could be used as a match and save the Town money to construct it completely from Town funds. She continued that twenty local governments within the 20 coastal counties submitted pre-applications totaling over \$2.8 million in grant requests and that approximately \$1 million in grant funding is available; so it is quite a competitive process. She stated the application is due September 7, 2018.

Motion by Member Mitchell that the Town apply for any and all funds available to help supplement building of beach access 289.5 OBW, second by Member Legge; approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

Chair Fleischhauer stated that she would not be at the August meeting. She said that with Assistant Town Manager Ferguson's new duties, she questions whether the middle of the day is the best time to meet and wants feedback from Assistant Town Manager Ferguson if the time needs to be adjusted. Member McEntire asked if we knew if there had been any activity at the Little Free Library since it went up. Chair Fleischhauer said that the library was empty when she was there earlier in the week. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that she would take some more books over. Member Mitchell discussed a conversation she had with Assistant Town Manager Ferguson referencing a group that was supposed to sell 50/50 tickets but only showed up with one person. Member Mitchell stated that if that happened again, she may be available to help.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 2:17 p.m. and the next scheduled meeting is August 2, 2018 at 2 p.m.