



Town of Holly Springs
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 8, 2026
7:00 pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jodi Carey, Val Atkinson, Rachel Campbell, Daniel Fenton, Eric Dean, Siobhan Casey, Ty Denton (TRAC Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Melinda Walker, Will Ulmer, Karen McGowan

Staff Present: LeeAnn Plumer, Kristen Denton, Adam Huffman, Julie Tew, Bhavi Joshi (U&I), Thomas Gull, Kimberly Keys (U&I)

Council Members: Sarah Larson

Call to Order Time: 7:00pm

Approval of November 2025 Meeting minutes:

Motion: Daniel

Second: Jodi

Vote: Approved unanimously

Public Comment Period No public comment

Discussion/Action Items

- **Eagles Landing Park Update, Bhavi Joshi, Project Manager**
 - Project Details
 - 56-acres community park site
 - 100,000 sq ft Recreation center (indoor fitness, gym, program space)
 - Two picnic shelters and a restroom building
 - Renovation of the existing maintenance barn building
 - Park amenities to include splash pad, outdoor playground, two multipurpose fields, six pickle ball courts, two sand volleyball courts, two basketball courts, along with All wheels skate park, and accessible trails and perimeter greenway.
 - Construction began: June 2025
 - Anticipated completion: 2027
 - Project Updates
 - Steady progress on site grading, erosion control, and utilities (on-site and off-site).
 - Gravel sub-base, asphalt and all curb and gutter installation for site parking and greenway is completed.
 - Site waterline, underground rough-in for power and other utilities in the loop area is complete.

- Cass Holt Road widening and new traffic signal at the northern entrance begins soon.
- Waterline and other utilities along the Cass Holt road to begin soon.
- Three new building structures on site- recreation building, picnic shelter and restroom building.
- Recreation building construction is in progress . Gym area precast concrete panel installation is complete. Currently installing roof steel joist, and making steady progress for rest of the building foundation and slab.
- Questions
 - Greenway loop length is 1 mile
 - Splash pad occupancy, approx. 7000 sq feet

2026 Focus Area/Goals Discussion

- LeeAnn presented several areas for possible focus areas for the Committee to discuss and consider for calendar year 2026. Topic areas included: Input on P&R major projects, participating on committee for private development partnership for NMAC and Mims Park areas, greenway connectivity, community engagement, events to support the 150th town celebration, and feedback on performance measures.
- The Committee requested more time to review and wanted to compare to past year focus areas. LeeAnn to send out the past few years list of focus areas.
- Action: Daniel made a motion to review and discuss in February, Jodi 2nd.

Hot Topics

PRAC Round Robin

- Ty- Asked about if/when the pedestrian tunnel would connect NMAC to the AMC movie theater area.
- Rachel – Nice to see Advent Ferry sidewalk being extended 55 to downtown
- Daniel – Nature Park at Sugg Farm, loved the new trail around it. Looking forward to the Community Garden opening.
 - Electric “motorcycles” maybe in the future a designated area for them. Concerned for them to be on the greenways.
- Siobhan-Would like to see lighting on the greenways. Enjoying the loop at Womble, but at times the lights are off.
- Jodi-Pleasantly surprised to see sidewalks being completed
- Eric-Tree at Winterfest-decorations were fun and great. Would like feedback from the QR codes that were displayed. Parade-wonderful event, line up seemed tight and maybe extend a little so not so tight. Satna on fire truck, route must have changed, and several were disappointed since they missed.

Reports

Council Update – CW Larson

- Facility and Greenway tour would be nice for the Committee to do in 2026
- New micro transit -the Hopper \$2 a ride in town limits \$4 in ETJ
- Looking into having more engaging proclamations this year
- Motorized bikes and scooters might be discussed to the TC retreat

- HS Citizens Academy, applications are open and close on Jan 30th

TRAC Report – Ty

- Winter craft night ages 3-12 yr old
- Dec meeting had 34 teens

Police Community Advisory Group –

- Meeting tonight 1/8/26
- From the last meeting – topics that were discussed were around motorized bikes and scooters, plain clothed officers showing up more in the big box stores as well as other smaller stores, theft and larceny is on the rise (lock up your cars and homes). HS still has a low overall crime rate, PD is hiring someone with crypto and bitcoin experience and plan to do workshops to reduce cyber crimes.

Tree Advisory Committee Update –

- No meeting yet this quarter

Project Updates – Adam

- Bass Lake Spillway Expansion
 - Completed
- Sugg Farm Community Garden
 - Substantially complete-adding a shed
- Sugg Farm Nature Playground
 - Completed
 - ¼ mile sensory trail
- Oak Hall to NMAC Greenway
 - Bidding to begin soon, expected to be completed Winter 2027
- Womble Dugouts and Basketball Courts
- Bidding to begin Jan 2026, completion expected Fall 2026
- Utley Creek Greenway II
 - Design Phase, begin work May 2026 expected to be completed Feb 2027
- Middle Creek Greenway & 12 Oak Greenway Water Fountain
 - Planning phase

Director Report – LeeAnn

- Community Garden/Nature Play & Sensory Trail at Sugg Farm Park
 - Ribbon Cutting – Jan 10, 2026 at 11am
 - Open House – until 12:30pm
- Commission for Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Accreditation
 - Valuable measure of overall quality of operations, management, & service to the community
 - Demonstrates that P&R provides the highest level of service
 - Only 222 accredited P&R agencies in the USA
 - Must meet 90% of the 154 national standards (36 are required – Fundamental)
 - 18-24 month process
 - Submit Self-Assessment by January 15th
 - On-site review team – week of May 11th
 - In-person hearing at NRPA Annual Conference – Fall 2026
 - Reaccreditation is required every 5 years

- Val will share the 2025 Annual Report at the Jan 20th Town Council meeting.

Announcements/Info Share

- MLK Day of service-mural at the Hunt Center
- MLK walk at 2pm-Food Lion to Cultural Center

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Jodi

Second: Daniel

Vote: Unanimous