



**Town of Holly Springs**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Hall – Council Chambers**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Jodi Carey, Val Atkinson, Rachel Campbell, Daniel Fenton, Melinda Walker, Karen McGowan, Ty Denton (TRAC Ex-Officio)

**Members Absent:** Eric Dean, Will Ulmer, Siobhan Casey

**Staff Present:** LeeAnn Plumer, Kristen Denton, Julie Tew,

**Council Members:** Sarah Larson

**Call to Order Time:** 7:00pm

**Approval of Mar 2026 Meeting minutes:**

Motion: Daniel

Second: Karen

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Public Comment Period**

- Greg Ackerman
  - Lived in HS since 2002, with 3 daughters, love options for recreation and shopping. Grateful for putting PR first. Greenway development is great for bikers, walkers, etc. Enjoyed the HS Hopper, used for date nights.
  - Supports electric transportation, rides a one-wheel. Due to the increase in ebikes and scooters, thoughtful policy will help get a handle on it.
  - Would like to give back and be a resource on how to use a one-wheel in recreational settings.
  - Recommends outreach and education. He would be willing to volunteer at events, talks at Salamanders games, etc.

**Discussion/Action Items**

- LeeAnn presented information on **E-Bike Education & Potential Policy Changes**
  - She stated the goals of this effort are to:
    - Reduce risk of injury to riders and by-standers (including drivers)
    - Influence riders to reduce/eliminate risky behaviors
    - Educate parents and riders on regulations and laws
    - Update Town Policy/Ordinances to be aligned with alternate transportation goals
  - To develop these recommendations, there has been a large amount of community outreach and engagement to include:

- Youth – TRAC, Public Safety Cadets, HSHS Student Council
- Police Community Advisory Group (PCAG)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
- The HS PD is leading this effort and has benchmarked policies and ordinance updates from other jurisdictions from across the county and through North Carolina.
- The general recommendations include:
  - Update Town Ordinances to permit pedal-assist e-bikes, e-scooters, & one wheels on greenways – provided riders are using safe speeds, yielding to pedestrians and verbally call out when passing. Safe, respectful use of greenways applies to all greenway users including traditional cyclists.
  - Provision for minors and parents with children to utilize sidewalks with appropriate safety precautions (speed, yielding, call when passing, etc.)
  - Add violation penalties as a progressive model (examples)
    - 1st Offense – Warning & impoundment
    - 2nd Offense - \$250 fine & impoundment
    - 3rd Offense - \$500 fine & impoundment
 Depending on seriousness of violation – additional or more severe penalties may be warranted.
- The Town also plans to launch an educational and informational effort. This includes:
  - Creating a webpage resource for parents
  - Utilize social media with “fun” and informative videos to target riders (typically youth)
  - Outreach at public events
  - Bike rodeos and other bike educational/training events
- Next Steps:
  - Seeking feedback from PRAC tonight
  - Town Council briefing on Friday
  - Agenda Item at April 21st Town Council Meeting
  - Approx. June 1st new policies take effect (notices, signs, etc)
- **PRAC Discussion:**
  - These recommendations make sense; they are logical and set the right tone for education and enforcement.
  - Timing of implementation is important. Incidents are occurring now in many neighborhoods. There is an expectation that usage will increase when school is out for the summer.
  - Support the community wide education and approach. Message for kids/teens needs to be fun and engaging to get their attention.
  - Overall, PRAC supports these recommendations and ordinance changes.

## Hot Topics

### PRAC Round Robin

- Daniel – Drinking fountain coming to entrance along Oak Leaf Greenway, bridges have been repaired and look good. Happy to hear all water fountains are on in parks after the winter.
- Jodi-Topping ceremony was fabulous! Great to be a part of it and see progress.
- Karen-Farmers Market is great!

## Reports

### Council Update – CW Larson

- Town Council will be sharing the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration pins.
- The Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge will be presented next month. Pine Springs Academy school is invited.
- Council is preparing for FY27 budget season
- Council has been hearing a lot about E-bikes
- Many events coming up this week including: Spring Classic race & Festival, Famers Market, Chalk of the Town.
- Topping-off Ceremony at Eagles Landing went great!

### TRAC Report – Ty

- No updates

### Police Community Advisory Group –

- Mtg tonight

### Tree Advisory Committee Update –

- Next mtg is April 13th

### Program and Events – Kristen

- Performance Measure Reports
  - Visitor Experience-survey is in parks and facilities. (where, how often and rating)
    - Customer satisfaction rating-80-85% goal
    - Facility rentals, courts, fields-majority are related to tennis rentals, ratings overall are high
  - Registration Satisfaction-overwhelmingly positive
- Summer Registration underway
  - Program Highlights
    - "Close to Home" Art Exhibit featuring artists from the HANDS Center for Autism
- Ticketed Events
  - Cost Recovery ~90%
  - Live at the Springs-Vertical Horizon May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Events
  - Chalk of the Town-April 11
  - Internation Food Festival-May 1
  - Wild About Nature May 16
- CAPRA-site visit May 11-13
- Marketing and Comms Update
  - Holly Springs 150<sup>th</sup>

### Director Report – LeeAnn

- Eagles Landing Park- Topping off Ceremony went well. Thanks to those who attended.
- Town received \$38,500 in USTA Grants to be used to resurface NMAC tennis courts (all 8)
- Library Reno/Closure
  - Begins in late April, will impact lobby/restroom and summer uses (limit numbers)

## Old Business

## **Announcements/Info Share**

- VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING – Wed April 15th at 6pm
  - Share Your Thoughts: Shape the Future of a New Park (near Avent Ferry & Rex Roads)
  - Online Survey to Launch Following Meeting. Meeting link and invite was shared via email.
- May PRAC Meeting – Mayor to present Monarch Butterfly Proclamation

## **Adjournment 8:12**

Motion to Adjourn: Daniel

Second: Karen

Vote: Unanimous