



**Town of Holly Springs**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Town Hall – Council Chambers**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** Siobhan Casey, Karen McGowan

**Staff Present:** LeeAnn Plumer, Adam Huffman, Julie Tew,

**Council Members:** Mayor Mike Kondratick, CM Sarah Larson

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

**Approval of April 2026 Meeting minutes:**

Motion: Daniel

Second: Mel

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Public Comment Period-** No public comment

**Discussion/Action Items**

- Mayor Mike Kondratck presented the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge to the third-grade class from Pine Springs Academy. Approximately 15 students were present to receive the pledge.
  - The purpose is to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly & the species' needed for habitat.
    - It is a National Wildlife Federation Program that was launched in 2015
    - Over 600 mayors and heads of government have signed on
    - Commit to at least three action items to support monarch conservation
    - The importance of monarch butterflies-pollination, food web support, environmental indicators, and cultural & educational symbol
    - Mayors pledge
      - Support a native seed giveaway
      - Facilitate milkweed seed collection and propagation effort
      - Establish a monarch and pollinator-friendly garden at the Sugg Farm Community Garden area
- LeeAnn presented the Town Manager's FY27 Parks & Recreation Budget Recommendations
  - 7 Eagles Landing Park positions (partial year)

- PT increase in multiple areas, event safety and support, and senior programming
- \$2.1M in matching funds for NMAC renovations and enhancements
- Funding for Library & Cultural Center renovations (shared percentage)
- \$75K Park rehab and amenities PAYGO
- \$100K Carolina Springs Park master planning
- \$750K to priority greenways from park bond funding
- Replacements for Park and Field vehicles and equipment
- Middle Creek Greenway Pedestrian Crossing Improvement

Town Council received the Manager's budget on May 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a public hearing at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and the Council will provide feedback at the May 21<sup>st</sup> workshop. The budget is expected to be voted on at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Council meeting.

## Hot Topics

### PRAC Round Robin

- Daniel –The opening band was great at the Vertical Horizon concert. We'd love to have them come back. VH was fantastic as well. The field seating was fabulous, and the accommodations were great. The 12 Oaks drinking fountain looks great, and the progress on the greenway is looking very good. Everyone is asking about the official opening date, but there is not a firm date just yet.
- Jodi- Vertical Horizon was great, and the community would like to see more concerts. Joined the virtual meeting for the new park (Village at Harris Lake). Many of the people that live adjacent to that planned development expressed their concern at the park meeting.
- Val-Sunset Ridge South, expansion of HS road, greenery looks great.
- Will-12 Oak greenway is perfect, quiet. Great for families. Soccer playoffs are this weekend. Participated in adult softball, very well done! Great umpires
- Mel- Community garden is fabulous. Community is excited about the garden. "Tree truck" was going around but didn't see evidence of work. Eric explained it's more general maintenance, cleaning around light fixtures.
- Rachel-12 Oaks greenway very nice. ELP great progress and looks really nice
- Eric- Attended Vertical Horizon, enjoyed it. Community Garden is incredible. Pickle ball courts at Womble have been resurfaced and look great.

## Reports

### Council Update – CW Larson

- Budget-video was great. 18% increase in budget, no property tax increase, small water increase. Public hearing next Tuesday
- Passed the bike ordinance-take affect June 1<sup>st</sup>
- VH was great
- Wild About Nature is this weekend at Sugg Farm Park

### TRAC Report – Ty Reported

- At the last TRAC meeting, they voted in a new Chair
- TRAC will participate at the July 5<sup>th</sup>-event by hosting a kids zone
- TRAC will also volunteer at Wild About Nature

### **Police Community Advisory Group –**

- No update

### **Tree Advisory Committee Update –** Eric Dean reported

- 1-4pm Wild About Nature Saturday
  - Bird and bat houses
  - Visit the community garden while there
- Steet tree replacement-replaced 66 trees throughout the year (267 in 10 years total replaced)

### **Project Updates – Adam**

- Oak Hall to NMAC Greenway
  - Status-out for re-bid
  - Cost \$1.3 M
  - Completion Fall 2027
- Utley Creek Greenway II
  - Status re-design (around Wast Water Treatment Plant)
  - Cost- Town: \$2.8M NCDOT: \$3 M
  - Completion Summer 2028
- Middle Creek Greenway Erosion
  - Status-begin in June (U & I dept)
  - Completion Fall 2026
- Womble Park bike racks
  - Status-Planning
  - Cost \$2,500
  - Completion Summer 2026
- NMAC Tennis/Pickleball
  - Status-
    - Pickleball-June
    - Tennis-Mid-August
  - Cost
    - Pickleball \$8,700
    - Tennis \$72,200 (\$38,200-USTA)
  - Completion
    - Pickleball June 2026
    - Tennis Early Sept 2026
- NMAC Netting replacement
  - Status-Aug 2026
  - Cost \$190,000
  - Completion Fall 2026
- Womble Dugouts and basketball Courts
  - Status: Design. Construction approval in June/July.
  - Cost: \$1,100,000
  - Completion:
    - Dugouts: Early Fall
    - Basketball: Early Winter
- Middle Creek Greenway water fountain
  - Status:Begin in June
  - Cost: \$12,500
  - Completion: Early Summer 2026
- Sugg Farm Community Garden

- Shed has been delivered-will be adding an ADA ramp
- 3 pollinator gardens have been planted
- 12 Oaks Greenway water fountain
  - Status: Completed
  - Cost: \$14k

### **Director Report – LeeAnn**

- CAPRA Accreditation Site Visit
  - 154 “best practice” standards
  - HSP&R “MET”/passed with 153
- Live @ the Springs-Vertical Horizon
  - 1200 tickets sold
- Internation Food Festival
  - 1500 attendees

### **Old Business**

- **E-bike Ordinance Update**
  - Website and Educational Materials to be provided soon
  - Police Outreach in Parks
    - June 11th at 6pm @ NMAC
    - June 18th at 4pm @ Womble Park

### **Announcements/Info Share**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Sat 5/16 Wild About Nature, Sugg Farm
  - Fri 5/22 Summer at the Springs - Phoebes
  - Fri 5/22 Salamanders Home Opener

### **Adjournment 7:58pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Eric  
 Second: Will  
 Vote: Unanimous