



## **Town of Beaufort, NC**

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### **Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

**6:00 PM Thursday, November 06, 2025 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
(Approved 01.08.26)

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#### **Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Ron Dupuis.*

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Dupuis (present until 6:30 PM), Vice Chair Doug Williams (acting Chair from 6:30 to 7:05 PM), Carol Beaird, Lora Fasolino, Bruce Mann, Taylor McCune (arrived at 6:08 PM), and Victoria Sullivan

Staff Present: Community Engagement Director Jennifer Welborn, Town Manager Matt Zapp, and Public Information Officer Rachel Johnson

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Harker

#### **Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add Public Comment.

#### **Minutes Approval**

1. October 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Minutes from the October 2, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.*

#### **Public Comment**

There was one public comment from Christopher Burns inquiring about possible spaces for a dog park.

#### **Discussion and Consideration**

1. Eury Park

Craig Souza, of the Beaufort Community Foundation, presented concepts for improvements to Eury Park, including adding "and Faith" to the Park's name, unifying landscaping with Grayden Paul Park,

beautification efforts, a sundial, a commemorative station, removal of the dated National Park signage, usage of the park, the importance of maintaining the surrounding natural views, secondary improvements beyond the current fencing, and the history of the land donated by Mr. Eury. It was noted that PRAB board member, Lora Fosolino, is on the Beaufort Community Foundation board and would recuse herself from any voting on the matter. General discussion was held regarding the proper process for Town Park improvements, citizen input, the board's priorities, funding sources, and other current parks projects.

***The Board unanimously approved the concept for the Eury Park improvements, paid for by the Beaufort Community Foundation, with a timeline in question, and to mirror the Ann Street Park process of approval. Lora Fasolino abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.***

2. Ann Street Park Update

An update on the Ann Street Park project was given. The HPC approved Ann Street Park plans on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with future MINOR permit stipulation for plantings. There was a brief discussion regarding the costs of Ann Street, Eury, and Topsail Parks. The Ann Street Park project is expected to conclude in Summer 2026.

3. Duke University Marine Lab student survey update - John Newton Park

Duke University Marine Lab students Alice Daeschler and Tori Newton presented their findings from surveys taken regarding Beaufort's John Newton Park. The Board thanked the students for their work and recommended that Derwood Landing would be strong option for their next survey topic. Survey presentation attached.

4. December 3, 2025, Workshop agenda

The Board discussed ideas and items they would like to see on their December Workshop agenda. Some items included board member attendance, dog park, Grayden Paul Park concept, Eury Park, priorities for 2026, the Trestle Walk project, Town programming within parks, ADA compliance, updated bike route brochures, metal bike sculptures, grants, budgets, Advisory Board roles and processes. Mayor Harker reminded the Board that the Town's Board of Commissioners are holding their Annual Workshop on January 29-30, 2026 and encouraged PRAB members to attend.

5. January PRAB Meeting

Because the first Thursday in January 2026 falls on New Years Day, the Board agreed to reschedule their PRAB meeting to January 8, 2026, 6 PM at Beaufort Train Depot.

## **Board Comments**

## **Adjourn**

*The meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:05 PM.*