



## **Town of Beaufort, NC**

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### **Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:00 PM Thursday, April 02, 2026 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting (Approved 05.07.26)**

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#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Ron Dupuis.

#### **Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Dupuis, Carol Beaird, Lora Fasolino, Bruce Mann, Taylor McCune, and Victoria Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Doug Williams

Staff Present: Community Engagement Director Jen Welborn

Elected Officials present: None

#### **Agenda Approval**

*The agenda was unanimously approved.*

#### **Minutes Approval**

1. PRAB Regular Meeting 03.05.26  
*The Board unanimously approved the PRAB Regular Meeting 03.05.26 minutes as presented.*
2. Greenway Executive Team Meeting 12.1.26  
*The Board unanimously tabled the Greenway Executive Team Meeting 12.1.26 minutes until a future meeting.*
3. Greenway Executive Team Meeting 03.24.26  
*The Board unanimously approved the Greenway Executive Team Meeting 03.24.26 minutes as presented.*

#### **Public Comment**

Mary Phillips publicly thanked the PRAB board for their work on the Lynn Eury Park improvements plan.

## **Staff Report**

### **1. Ann Street Park Update**

Community Engagement Director Jen Welborn gave a brief update regarding the progress of the Ann Street Waterfront Park project. The Town had received the necessary CAMA permit and Town Engineer Sam Bell, in collaboration with Public Works Director Mark Eakes, was working on the observation deck specifications in preparation for publishing a request for bids.

### **2. Rock the Docks Update**

Welborn gave a brief update regarding the Town's Rock the Docks summer concert series, which is scheduled for Thursdays from 5-8 PM in John Newton Park, running from May 21 to August 6, 2026.

### **3. Other Parks & Rec Events Updates**

Welborn updated the Board on other upcoming events, including a free yoga event at Lynn Eury Park and an Earth Day cleanup, both scheduled for April 22, 2026, as well as potential future Art in the Park events.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Grants**

The Board discussed clarifying the Town's grant process. Bruce Mann presented a list of potential grants that he had assembled and asked that Welborn relay the list to Town Manager Matt Zapp and Assistant Town Manager Elizabeth Lewis. The group discussed how "pop-up projects," such as the Lynn Eury Park improvements, impact the PRAB's ability to focus on its established priority items.

### **2. Trestle Walk – Sections**

The Greenways Executive Team scheduled its next meeting for April 8, 2026, at 8:30 AM at Cru Bar Coffee Shop. Lora Fasolino agreed to provide her greenways map, and the group planned to discuss segmenting the greenway plan into sections, the elementary school easement, and PRAB's potential role in fundraising efforts.

### **3. 10-Year Plan Update – Possible Fall Retreat**

The Board discussed a possible retreat in fall 2026 to update its 10-year plan. Late September and October 1, 2026 (in lieu of the regularly scheduled PRAB meeting) were suggested as potential dates.

## **New Business**

### **1. Eury Park – Community Input Sessions Scheduling**

The Board scheduled two community input sessions to gather feedback on the proposed Lynn Eury Park improvements, as directed by the Board of Commissioners. The sessions will take place on Thursday, April 23, and Monday, May 4, from 4:30–7:30 PM at the Beaufort Train Depot. Public comments will be reviewed at the next PRAB meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The group also discussed logistics for the sessions, including planning details and necessary supplies.

## **Board Comments**

Taylor McCune commented on her schedule and Carol Beaird inquired about possible future "PRAB On the GO!" dates.

## **Staff Comments**

There were no staff comments at this time.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.