

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2012

PARKER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-07573
(Commission
File Number)

73-0618660
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77046
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 406-2000

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

Parker Drilling Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on April 26, 2012. Set forth below are descriptions of the matters voted on and the results of the votes taken at the meeting.

1. To elect three nominees (listed below) as Class I directors, each for a three-year term.

<u>Director Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
R. Rudolph Reinfrank	80,124,909	2,251,742	25,147,808
Robert W. Goldman	80,180,693	2,195,958	25,147,808
Richard D. Paterson	81,217,953	1,158,698	25,147,808

2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers.

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
79,768,525	1,733,246	874,80	25,147,808

3. To consider and act upon a proposal for the ratification of the selection made by our Audit Committee reappointing KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2012.

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
106,834,498	602,424	87,537	-0-

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Parker Drilling Company

By: /s/ Jon-Al Duplantier

Jon-Al Duplantier, Senior Vice
President and General Counsel

Date: April 27, 2012