

**AMENDED**

**VILLAGE OF HOLLY  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**

**Minutes of September 4, 2019**

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The regular meeting of the Village Parks Commission of Holly was called to order by Chairperson Chris Rankin 7:01 P.M. in the Board of Education room located at the Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan.

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**Commissioners Present**

Joe Hutchins  
Gayle Peltonen  
Joyce Leece  
Chris Rankin  
Sarah McCanney  
Angie Lemon  
Rick Powers

**Staff Present**

Brian Klaassen  
Carol Hammond

**Others Present**

Ina Golden  
James Golden

**Absent Board Members**

**Excused Board Members**

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At 7:01 p.m., Chairperson Rankin called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hammond called the roll.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

Chairperson Rankin said he would like to move Holly Days final planning which is #1 under old business to #2 under general business. That way Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hammond and Director Klaassen don't have to stay for a Holly Days meeting.

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Director Klaassen said under approval of the minutes, the month should be August.

**APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA:**

**Motion by Leece, support by Powers to approve the amended agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried by a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion by Rankin, support by Hutchins**

to approve the minutes of August 7, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried by a voice vote of all ayes and no nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**#1. Hollyween discussion**

Commissioner McCanney asked did we budget any money for Hollyween.

Chairperson Rankin said that there is money.

Commissioner McCanney said we did fundraise last year, and we should put in our budget costs for tractor rides, cider and donuts.

James Golden, 11705 Hidden Valley Trail, said the farmstead has a wagon, the steps on the back are bad, if the steps can be fixed, the wagon could be used anytime. We would have it to use for any events.

Commissioner Lemon said Sam Alvarado was going to talk to Purple Heart about donating, but she hasn't heard back yet.

Commissioner McCanney said last year during Hollyween, we had 2 tractors and a standing line waiting for rides. She said she would love to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

Chairperson Rankin asked if the tractor club creates contracts.

Mr. Golden said yes.

Chairperson Rankin said it would be good to reserve them. He said the question has been brought up do we want the road closed.

Commissioner McCanney said the previous police chief made sure it was closed, not sure with the new chief. The road isn't closed long. Last year it was closed for a little over an hour.

Chairperson Rankin said let's plan on the road being closed from 3-4pm.

Commissioner Lemon asked if the shop owners are providing the candy.

Chairperson Rankin said yes and that he must believe it's a good event for the merchants.

Commissioner McCanney said the special event was approved. She listed all the things included in the special event packet. She said the Holly Hotel was trying to organize an event towards the end of the activities at the park. It would include a flash mob to Thriller with zombies. Dinner would be included. There is also a paranormal investigation going on.

Chairperson Rankin said he will check with Chief McGee to see if he has wood for the bonfire.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**#1. Mill Pond Dam project initiation**

Chairperson Rankin said the dam is in poor condition. The state has grants for either rehabilitation or removing or rebuilding. He said he is not versed well enough to know which it needs; he would prefer to rebuild. We have been squirreling away money for it. Generally speaking, the more money you have and the larger percentage the community can cover, the more likely you are to receive the grant. He has printed off the 67 pages of the grant and will contact DNR. He said we only have one meeting left for this year and would like the commission to do some homework and see which is better and which is best for the environment. We need pros and cons. If it needs to be removed, it would be a huge hurdle.

Commissioner Hutchins said the dam has main 2 purposes, flood control and draw-down to compact the weeds in the winter on the millpond. He said when we did our 1<sup>st</sup> drawdown, we let everyone know. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> dam on the Shiawassee.

Director Klaassen said he has talked to DNR and the grant Chairperson Rankin is talking about. He explained the grant and said usually you don't get the grant the 1st year, its usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of asking them to look at the grant. We have about 1/3 of the original cost. We are looking at \$350,000-\$500,000. The more money the more points.

There was a discussion about the age and condition of the dam and the houses on it.

**REPORTS:**

Director Klaassen said a 2<sup>nd</sup> slide has been damaged, there are 2 slides to put up.

Commissioner Lemon said 3 slides are needed.

Director Klaassen said we have 2 in our possession to replace.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Powers said the wall is coming this weekend. It will be arriving Friday at 6pm. The escorts will contact the state police and Grand Blanc police. There will be a ceremony at 1pm on Sunday to read the names of the Holly soldiers killed in Vietnam. There will be 2 guest speakers.

Mr. Golden said there will be guards at the wall. It must be guarded 24 hours, no weapons.

Commissioner Powers said on Saturday the American Legion will do concessions and on Sunday, the Women of the Moose will do the concessions.

Commissioner Hutchins asked how many bounce houses will be there. He said last year, he worked the Township bounce house and it was busy the whole time.

Commissioner McCanney said there will be 2, one is from Oakland County. Its Saturday only from 12-3.

Commissioner McCanney said to Director

Klaassen that the things her and Manager Walker went over did not include cones for Martha St. She said she will email Director Klaassen a list.

Chairperson Rankin said he will take the stands that say no parking. He said thank you to Director Klaassen for the last clean-up day. DPW put wood chips down.

Director Klaassen said he has an update on Waterworks. Everything is out and the sides are poured. Precast has taken measurements. The slabs will be placed before winter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


Mr. Golden said Springfield Twp. has an endangered butterfly called the skipperling butterfly. He said they had a grant for \$100,000 because of the butterfly and to try and tie it in somehow with DNR, it may help financially.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Chairperson Rankin adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.  
Next meeting 10/02/19

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**Chris Rankin, Chairperson**

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**Carol Hammond, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**