

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of May 1, 2019

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.

Commissioners Present

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

Excused Board Members

Staff Present

Brian Klaassen
Carol Hammond

Absent Board Members

Others Present

Toni Brinker
Genevieve Rainey
Linda Gilmore
Nick Zbiciak

At 7:00 p.m., Chairperson Rankin called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hammond called the roll.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Hutchins would like to add Toni Brinker under General Business. It was moved to #1.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Hutchins support by Peltonen to approve the agenda as amended.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Leece, support by Powers to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019 as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

#1. Discussion of community garden at Cyclone Park

Nick Zbiciak, 408 S Broad, said he was approached by Commissioner Powers about the community garden. He passed around papers showing plots, supplies with prices

and description of the garden.

Commissioner McCanney said with all the rain we are having, this is a great time to check out how wet the proposed garden area will get.

Mr. Zbiciak said they are hoping to get donations for the supplies.

Commissioner Powers said this will not cost the Village anything.

Director Klaassen said the water would come from Baird St and it has been shut off for a while, so will have to make sure there are no issues with it.

Mr. Zbiciak read the description and suggested rules. The participating residents will be required to sign a form waiving the Village of any liability.

There was a discussion about the location, fencing and storage area.

Chairperson Rankin said he thinks the park has been underutilized for way too long and doesn't see a down side to this.

Commissioner Hutchins suggested getting a soil sample and MSU may do a sample for free.

Commissioner McCanney said there is an area in the park that has 20 feet of peat and could move it over to garden.

Motion by Rankin, support by Powers to forward to council a recommendation to approve the installation of the community

garden at Cyclone Park.

Roll call vote as follows:

Voting for: Leece, Peltonen, McCanney, Hutchins, Lemon, Powers, Rankin.

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#2. Discussion of Holly Farmer's Market

Genevieve Rainey, 134 Park Ave, has paperwork. The first page is the peddlers permit and she sent a modified version to Manager Walker for him to okay.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a peddlers permit.

Ms. Rainey said if anyone will be working the market without her being there, they must go through training with SNAP and it requires on line video. Training is required because it is a federal program. She explained the process. Hopefully the machine will be here by June. It is a handheld machine with a sim card. There is no fee associated with it.

Commissioner McCanney asked how that works for the vendors. We keep track of what is purchased?

Ms. Rainey explained how it works with EBT. Market will receive the money and the following week the market will give a check to the vendors. She said it is the only way to do this through the USDA, unless all vendors fill out an application. It is for food items only and plants that produce edible food. She is concerned about next year that

someone needs to be ready to take this on if the market is going to continue. She will still do the administrative part of it. It is all in her name right now.

Commissioner Powers said he will start training on May 12th.

Ms. Rainey said there are more grants that the Village can apply for and can't get them through private organizations. She is doing 75% this year and wants the Parks to do 75% next year. She will be moving away at the end of 2020.

Chairperson Rankin said next year Parks can be primary caregiver and we can begin the transition in 2020.

Commissioner Powers said a band is coming to the market on May 19th.

Ms., Rainey said we also need to think about who will promote the market in the future. She thinks it will require more than one person.

#3. Discussion of replacement fitness equipment at Lakeside

Director Klaassen said Andi created a spreadsheet with 3 vendors and roughly 20 different stations. He said there is quite a range in prices, the least is \$12,000 and the most is \$34,000. He said it should be a 5-10 year project.

Chairperson Rankin said the trail is off the beaten path and the equipment might be better in a different location. We need to decide if we want to sink all that money into

an area where most people don't go.

Commissioner McCanney said we need to clear the trail of trash and make the area more presentable for walkers.

Director Klaassen said the broken equipment has been removed. There may have originally been grant money so that is something we can look at down the road. He said there were trash cans there, and the closer they are to the water, they end up in the water.

Chairperson Rankin said we should make a decision on what equipment we want back there, then put it on the back burner.

GENERAL BUSINESS;

#1. Toni Brinker

Director Brinker said Oakland County Parks will be bringing a bounce house to Hollyween. She has an application for Parks to apply. She said we would get 2 outreach programs and 1 outreach program we can share.

Director Brinker also wants to talk about picklball. It is big among the senior citizens. It is a combination between tennis, racquetball and badminton. She explained the court it is played on and the game. The senior group wants to play pickle ball. She wants to play it at Lakeside Park because it requires pavement. It is played there now, but would like to paint the lines on it.

Chairperson Rankin said it sounds like a great idea.

Director Brinker said we only need the strips. They have a portable net. She handed out a sheet showing a pickleball court.

Director Brinker said she knows WAMM is coming out and the Township has equipment and we can borrow some if needed. Parks to Parks, let's work together.

Motion by Rankin, support by Lemon to permit Township Parks to paint the lines on the paved surface under the pavilion and next to the pavilion.

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

#2. Discussion of park walk-thru findings and recommendations

Chairperson Rankin said it was cancelled but a couple member still did a walk-thru.

Commissioner Leece said she noticed a sign for the cemetery is half gone.

Director Klaassen said a new one was put up by the entrance, but the other one needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Leece said Ganshaw Park looks really nice. She said she still wants those signs up.

Director Klaassen said we applied for a neighborhood improvement grant for Waterworks Park, and if we get that, it will be a \$50,000 grant. He said it will be used for the decking, railing and led sign. Everyone is on board with the precast

flooring,

#3. Holly Days planning/discussion

Commissioner McCanney said the meeting was not well attended. She said they came up with a game plan to secure some main points from last year. Next meeting will be on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. after the DDA meeting at the police station. Holly days is a parks event and behind the scenes is important. The more coordinated now, less later. We need everyone there at the meetings.

Commissioner Lemon asked if we are having movie night on Friday night.

Director Brinker said it is up for discussion.

Commissioner McCanney recapped the events that they know are happening.

Commissioner Powers said the Vietnam Wall is coming to KRCC out in the parking lot and it has a big following.

REPORTS:

Director Klaassen said the car show starts on Wednesday; Blessing of the bikes is this Sunday. They are mowing the parks that are dry.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Hutchins said he talked to Gordy Dryer about tree donation and he said most people who donate trees go to Lakeside cemetery. He said to put it out on Facebook asking if you want to donate a

tree. He said there are different donations for different people. People can donate trees for around the playscape at Lakeside.

Director Klaassen said we have a tree ordinance and there are trees that can and can't be planted in the right of way. He said they trim and remove in January, February and sometimes early March. If it has leaves on it, it stays. He said if there is any money left we may be able to plant some trees. He explained trees and issues with them.

Commissioner Peltonen asked if Blessings in a Backpack is still going.

Chairperson Rankin said yes.

Commissioner Powers said regarding the garden, we have applied for a grant to possible expand it for next year. It is only for the garden.

Commissioner Lemon asked Director Klaassen if there was a slide to replace the one that was messed up at Lakeside Park.

Director Klaassen said yes there is and that they have to make sure it when it is installed that it will not slide onto the sidewalk.

Chairperson Rankin said Blessings in a Backpack is this Friday at 4:30 p.m. Please bring food or cash.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Chairperson Rankin adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Next meeting 6/5/19.

Chris Rankin, Chairperson



Carol Hammond, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer