

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

February 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Parks Commission of Holly was called to order by Chairperson Chris Rankin at 7:02 P.M. at <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/87144564608>

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Jerry Walker
Brian Klaassen
Carol Hammond

Others Present.

Kristin Watt
Heather Melton
Cassandra Padilla
Jeremiah Roberts
Sherlynn Everly
Laurie Lacey

Absent Board Members

Joyce Leece

Excused Board Members

At 7:02 p.m., Chairperson Rankin called the meeting to order.

Manager Walker explained the electronic meeting instructions.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hammond called the roll.

Sarah McCanney-Holly MI
Joe Hutchins- Holly MI
Chris Rankin- Holly MI
Angela Lemon- Holly MI
Rick Powers- Holly MI
Gayle Peltonen-Holly MI

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Commissioner McCanney would like to add Consideration of a Plan Committee for Waterworks.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA:

Motion by Powers support by Lemon to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Leece

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Powers, support by Hutchins, to approve the minutes of January 6, 2021

as presented.

Roll call was as follows:

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

Voting against: None

Absent: Leece

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

#1. Consideration of 2021-22 FY Parks budget discussion

Commissioner McCanney said she would like to budget for improvements at Waterworks.

Commissioner Lemon said netting at the baseball field at Cyclone. Also, dog waste dispensers at all parks. She said a 2nd ordinance sign stating dogs must be on a leash and pick-up waste at Cyclone Park.

Chairperson Rankin said he would like to get the Music in the Park program running again and improvements at Crapo and Lakeside Parks.

Discussion about new signs in the parks.

Director Klaassen said usually the budget is \$15,000-\$25,000 for projects and it is a long list.

Chairperson Rankin said he will send Director Klaassen the wish list.

#2. Urban Park Update

Manager Walker said he met with Ron Campbell and he told him that whatever Battle Alley is designated as, it does not change the National Historic Register, only if permanent changes were made.

There was a discussion about how the current ordinance will need to be amended to allow alcohol.

Manager Walker explained this will still be in the DDA District and will most likely remain that way. He said there is liability with everything and there is liability insurance.

#3. Consideration of Memorial Benches, Trees and/or plaques within Village Parks

Manager Walker said in packet was an action request.

Director Klaassen explained that staff would like to recommend sticking with standard metal bench for easier maintenance. He said we have an approved tree list, and the plaques need to be sturdy enough to handle the weather and the test of time. He said there will be something prepared for the next meeting for the Parks Commission to approve.

There was a discussion about having a couple benches to choose from and a standard size for the plaques.

There was discussion about who decides where the benches and trees will be placed in the parks.

#4. Master Plan Update

Director Klaassen said he has a quote from Rowe Engineering of \$12,000 to update the Master Plan. He said he is going to check with a couple other engineering firms.

GENERAL BUSINESS

#1. Consideration of placement of a “Women’s Memorial” tree and placard in Waterworks Park

Chairperson Rankin read letter into the record provided by A.C.T.S.

Kristin Watt said she wants to add that countless hours, conversations and research have gone into this.

A discussion was held that more concrete ideas need to be established before it can go forward.

Ms. Watt said there are a lot of names to go on the plaque and since there is not anything like this in the community, she does not want it to be a small plaque. She explained her vision of the plaque and why she wants it at Waterworks Park. She would like to form a committee. She said they picked Waterworks because the other parks already have a lot going on and Waterworks is like a blank slate.

It was determined that more information needs to be provided before a recommendation can be made.

#2. Consideration of placement of a food pantry structure in Crapo Park.

Chairperson Rankin read the proposal into the record.

Manager Walker said there was discussion with Code Enforcement Officer Watson and Ms. Padilla and Ms. Melton about the structure being place on Saginaw St. There were concerns with that so Watson asked if they would like to have it at the park.

Watson said it would be next to the farmers market and the structure would possibly be a goal of creating more permanent structures that can be leased out the farmers market as display booths. But that would be later, down the road.

Chairperson Rankin said he is concerned because we don’t own that property.

Ms. Melton explained where the idea came from and why it is needed in our community.

Ms. Padilla shared her prepared presentation of their idea.

Ms. Melton said she has raised over \$1,300.00 and has gotten community support.

Commissioner Powers said maybe Cyclone Park should be considered. It is a good location from downtown. He said he doesn’t want the parks to turn into a social service agency.

Chairperson Rankin said we would need agreement with railroad before we can even consider a structure on their property at Crapo Park. His other concern is that is in the historic district.

Commissioner Lemon asked who would be responsible for it and how would items be dispensed?

Ms. Melton explained because its open to the public that no one has to hand out food. It would be bring some, take some. She said they talked about having cameras, motion detectors and lights. So no one has to be sitting there.

Ms. Padilla explained that this would be community funded and community supported, and they already have some volunteers interested in helping. She said her and Ms. Melton live in the Village and are devoted to seeing this through from creation to longevity and maintenance.

Chairperson Rankin said he thinks we would need a contract in place.

Watson explained the accessory ordinance and safety issues having it at a residence. He said he and Chief Mc Gee thought it was such a great idea so that is why they chose the Parks Commission, hoping they could guide it to a perfect location or more direction to move forward.

Commissioner McCanney expressed her concerns about it being broken into and people possibly sleeping in it.

Ms. Padilla said she doesn't think there needs to be locks on it unless it was going to be closed down for any period of time. She said they did talk about having a liability statement on the outside of the structure. The liability would be on the person taking the

items.

Chairperson Rankin said he would like to get a consensus from the commission on having it on Village property, and what park would be best. He said he thinks it is a great idea but doesn't think Crapo is the place for it.

A discussion was held about pros and cons of having the pantry at one of the parks.

Director Klaassen said there is an old AT & T building at police department and it is empty and fenced in. he said he will check with staff.

Chairperson Rankin said we will put this on the back burner till we can figure out if the building at police department is viable.

The commission agreed the food pantry is a great idea and their efforts are appreciated.

3. Consideration of presentation regarding Crapo Park visioning.

Jeremiah Roberts said he spends a lot of time at Crapo Park with his kids and his office is right by it. He thinks it's great we have a park that is so close to downtown. He showed an aerial view of the park and said there us a lot of space in the middle. He said he noticed there is a dead track next to the existing track. He said a lot of the legacy, identity comes from the railroad. He said there are other railroad communities that display rail cars. He showed pictures of railroad themed play structures and pictures of his concept. He talked about his vision for the area.

4. Consideration of a Plan Committee for

Waterworks.

Commissioner McCanney said she is looking for permission from parks to organize a subcommittee and will head it up. She said she does not have a design in mind, just a desire to see the park looking better. She said we need to take advantage of the talent that we have here. She explained her vision for Waterworks.

Chairperson Rankin said he suggests 5 people for the subcommittee. He said there are no objections and that we certainly need a vision for Waterworks.

Commissioner McCanney suggested putting together subcommittees for each individual park.

Chairperson Rankin said let's do that and formalize them at next months meeting.

REPORTS:

Director Klaassen said the igloos in Battle Alley are being removed this weekend due to 40 mph winds in the forecast. He said they will be put back up on Monday morning or Tuesday morning. He said they will start picnic table repairs this month. He has some prices for replacing cyclone fence for some decorative metal fencing. He will pass the information on to Chairperson Rankin.

Manager Walker said there were some discussions with the community coalition about moving the summertime movies to Crapo Park. He said the pavilion would be a good place for the screen and there is a playground right there. He told Susan Papple

he would talk to Parks Commission first.

Commissioner McCanney said we would need mosquito control in that park.

Director Klaassen said we don't have anybody certified to apply it so we would need a company to do that.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherlynn Everly, Holly MI, said she is impressed with the work done for women in memorial at Waterworks. She said in her research. Ms. Watt learned that the Cherokee who are indigenous people from this area, considered the Shiawassee the mother river. She loves the food pantry concept, and she loves Mr. Roberts idea.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Chairperson Rankin adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.
Next meeting 03/03/2021

Chris Rankin, Chairperson



Carol Hammond, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer