

# VILLAGE OF HOLLY

## PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

July 7, 2021

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

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**Commissioners Present**

Gayle Peltonen  
Sarah McCanney  
Rick Powers  
Katrina Berger  
Joe Hutchins  
Chris Rankin

**Staff Present**

Brian Klaassen  
Carol Hammond

**Others Present**

Lisa Kusluski

**Absent Board Members**

Angie Lemon

**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:**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion Hutchins, support by McCanney to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll call was as follows:**

**Voting for: Peltonen, McCanney, Hutchins, Berger, Powers, Rankin.**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: Lemon**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Motion by Powers, support by McCanney to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021.**

**Roll call was as follows:**

**Voting for; Powers, Peltonen, McCanney, Hutchins, Berger, Rankin**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: Lemon**

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lisa Kusluski, 17440 Fish Lake Rd, said she is part of the pickle ball group that plays here in town. She said she has been in touch with

Manager Walker and Director Klaassen about improvements to the pickleball courts. She is interested in looking into adding on an additional court and possibly having the court resurfaced. She said they are trying to get a budget in place or looking to pursue other alternatives. They are getting enough people for 3 courts. She said it is a growing support and she knows Holly doesn't have a lot of money, but they thought maybe there were some things they can pursue to make improvements. Right now, they are playing at Lakeside on Tuesdays and Fridays-weather permitting. When it is raining or too hot, they do have an alternative indoors location.

Commissioner Powers asked if they are reserving the space.

Mrs. Kusluski said they are not, and they have not had a conflict with anyone regarding that space. She said if people were there, they would just go to the alternative location. If they get more serious about it, they would probably get on the calendar for it. She said Manager Walker gave her some tasks to try to investigate some things going on in other communities and she can come back with updates. She asked what the step is to get on the budget.

Director Klaassen said this would fall under the parks budget.

There was a discussion about what is needed to make the improvements and fundraising suggestions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**#1. Women's Memorial Update**

No updates at this time.

**#2. HollyDays Update**

Commissioner McCanney said they had their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting yesterday. She said it will be a full weekend event and will start off with Pinz for Parks. There will be events Saturday and Sunday. The next meeting is July 27 at 6pm in the DDA office.

Chairperson Rankin and Commissioner McCanney went over the list of activities.

Commissioner Powers said they will be bringing the Vietnam wall in for HollyDays 2022.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**#1. Parks Projects**

Director Klaassen said split rail fence has been removed at Waterworks and over time there has been a natural barrier of brush, plants, and grasses. The picket fence was removed at Lakeside and a suggestion was made to put more trees at the south end and continue with the natural barrier. Some of that money can be used to put split rail fence around Lakeside, tot lot. Regarding the gazebo at Waterworks, prices seem to vary and he wants to get prices on a couple different styles and sizes.

Chairperson Rankin said if we are going to do a pavilion or gazebo, we need something

raised so we can fit kayak lockers underneath it.

Director Klaassen said there was a discussion about the need for kayak lockers and possibly having more benches or swings instead of lockers. He said when we talk about putting something alongside or raising it up, you must be careful because it must be ADA compliant.

There was a discussion about the best location and need for kayak lockers.

Chairperson Rankin said if we are not going to put the split rail fence behind that natural shrub barrier, we need to put something in the area between where people park and the picnic area we just created so people are not trying to drive into the park.

Commissioner Hutchins suggested putting big rocks there. He said they have a pile of big rocks at the township park.

Director Klaassen said he has written down gazebo, swings, benches, split rail fence around Lakeside and possibly some rocks. He will take a look at rocks the Township has. He said Chief McGee has a connection with Bedrock. Regarding swings at Waterworks, he did find some that are commercially acceptable, the old style look and reasonably priced. He thinks they were less than \$1,000 each. He said 2 by the river.

Commissioner McCanney asked if we need to work into our budget to get repairs done at Lakeside.

Director Klaassen said he played phone tag with the company that we get the supplies from. He finally got a quote. Cargo net was originally 3-5 weeks to be delivery. The new quote is 13-15 weeks for delivery. They have been ordered and should be out of the 2021 budget, not the 2022 budget. He said because of COVID, everybody is having a problem getting materials.

There was a discussion about keeping a few swings on hand.

Commissioner McCanney said the swing at Crapo is split right down the middle.

Director Klaassen said he did not know about the swing and there has been a lot of vandalism at Crapo.

Commissioner McCanney said we didn't talk about Music in the Park, and she feels that may be a mistake. She said it's her observation that there will not be as much vandalism when things are being utilized. She said she thinks every other week at Crapo Park, it probably needs to be power washed because of the deliberate mess people are making.

Discussion about vandalism throughout The Village.

Discussion about bringing back Music in the Park.

Commissioner McCanney asked when the fence was taken down at Lakeside, were all

the picker bushes pulled out also?

Director Klaassen said no that there needs to be more soft fall put down. He said the last time the soft fall was put down was about 4 years ago, so it is time. It is like \$2,000 for 100 yards so that eats into the budget. It needs to be done at Lakeside and Crapo. We can't use woodchips because they create sharp jagged edges so if a kid falls and lands and gets a splinter, it could end up in litigation.

There was a discussion about the condition of Lakeside Park per a Facebook post.

A discussion was held about any remaining money from the 2021 budget.

Chairperson Rankin said we have 50 projects and 2 projects worth of money so maybe we need to skip Music in the Park. We would be getting a very late start anyway. I think improving the image of Waterworks with swings and benches is probably a better use.

There was a discussion about the Township millage and what it is earmarked for.

**Motion by McCanney, support Powers to have gazebo, benches, swings and rocks at Waterworks Park, and split rail fence at Lakeside Park for top budget projects.**

**Roll call was as follows:**

**Voting for: Powers, Peltonen, McCanney, Berger, Hutchins, Rankin.**

**Voting against: None**

**Absent: Lemon**

**Motion carried.**

**#2. Future Cleanup Date.**

Commissioner Peltonen will contact WHAM.

There was a discussion about where cleanups are still needed.

**#3. Disc Golf at Sorensen Park**

Commissioner Hutchins said in the packet is a map of the 18-hole disc golf course being built at Sorensen Park. He said there will be a tournament on September 11 at 8am. It is a fundraiser, and you must sign up in advance. He said it brings people to Holly.

**REPORTS**

Director Klaassen said he has raffle tickets for the fireworks here to sell. Please return to Manager Walker.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hutchins said we talk a lot about liability and signage. He said years ago at Lakeside Park there used to be signs by the old steps and boat launch- no swimming signs. He said there used to be a lot of glass there. He said he wonders what the liability is without signage.

Director Klaassen said he will look into it.

Commissioner Hutchins said he sees people swimming over there.

There was discussion about the possibility of

removing the steps.

Commissioner Powers said they are doing karaoke in the alley. He said on July 28, they will be doing corn hole in the alley. He said there is talk of doing battle of the bands in the alley. He said these will always be on Thursday nights. The Holly Moose is sponsoring the corn hole. Pinz for Parks September 10. Honoring Chris and Nicole Rankin as Family of the Year.

Commissioner Berger said thank you for having her here and she looks forward to working with everyone.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

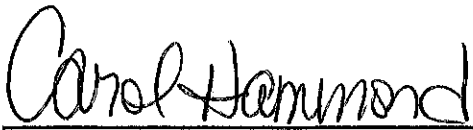
**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, Chairperson Rankin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting 08/04/2021

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**Chris Rankin, Chairperson**



**Carol Hammond, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**