

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

September 1, 2021

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

Commissioners Present

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

Excused Board Members

Staff Present

Brian Klaassen
Lisa Lawrence

Absent Board Members

Others Present

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

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lawrence called the roll.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

Roll call was as follows:

Voting for: Summers Peltonen, McCanney
Hutchins, Powers, Berger, Rankin
Voting against: None
Absent:

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Powers, support by Peltonen to approve the minutes of August 4, 2021.

Roll call was as follows:

Voting for: Powers, Peltonen, McCanney,
Hutchins, Summers, Berger, Rankin

Voting against: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

#1. HollyDays Update

Commissioner McCanney said there is a lot of loose ends, yesterday met with Manager Walker and Chief Narsh they hashed out most of the loose ends. Do we have enough volunteers for crossing guards and cleaning up? We do need more volunteers of course Manager Walker has volunteered his time for helping us with crossing guards.

DDA Director Nick Klemp and I went through a list of duties for the event and tried to just prioritize activities of volunteers so crossing guards was the highest on the list because of public safety. The problem is that after COVID the DDA organizational committee just fell off into non-existence and so they are trying to rebuild it, and this is where we got all the volunteers from. Everything is under control we just could use more volunteers.

Chairperson Rankin stated he would post on Facebook the need for volunteers.

Commissioner McCanney stated there is a Boy Scout group that would be interested in participating.

Commissioner Hutchins stated to call Tony Brinker about the Girl Scouts, they will do community service.

#2. Hollyween

Chairperson Rankin said Hollyween is about 5 or 6 weeks out and want to know what going on with that.

Commissioner McCanney said she has not put much thought into it with the Hollydays festival going on, but she did contact some of the business owners and announced the dates. This has not been announced publicly yet. She said she did get responses back from the following businesses that are interesting in participating Andy's Place, Holly Café, Blumz, Creative Fashions, Holly Antiques, Battle Alley Coffee, Vintage Promos, Blue Willow, Cupcakes and Kisses, Open String, Battle Alley Arcade, Design s Nature's Bath and Body.

Chairman Rankin stated are they providing their own supplies, or do they expect us to provide them with things to hand out again?

Commissioner McCanney stated the businesses will be providing their own supplies to hand out and no we have not offered to supply them with anything. A couple groups have reached out to her, the dance studio and midtown wanted to do FlashMob again like a Thriller Flashmob. Another dance studio reached out to do a Witches dance and to expand on that the Holly Hotel will be doing the Witches Luncheon. The next thing that needs to be done is get some fundraising done for cider and donuts unless they are donated again. Need to figure out something for hayrides, costume contest. The businesses will be asked to if they like to give a gift for the costume contest. It will be on October 30th the day before Halloween. This is the 26th year for Hollyween. It's always been the Saturday before Halloween so that is

probably why its tradition.

Hollydays falls on the 20th anniversary of 911 this year so there are specific programs that are going to be done to honor both those who have fallen on 911 and our current and local first responders will be honored. Festivities will start in the morning with a prayer in remembrance of those that have sacrificed their lives and everything else starts at 8am on Saturday. During the parade that starts at 11am we have requested the Fire Chief and Police Chief called Grand Marshals for the parade, they will lead the parade. We found the old flag and Hoffman the building owner is letting us hang the flag on the side of the building.

The parade will be going in the opposite direction, starting from Karl Richter and ending up in downtown in front of the flag there's going to be a prewritten speech that's going to be read by Manager Walker, honoring all our first responders and thanking them for their service and continual dedication.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Fall Clean up

Chairman Rankin said welcome to general business of the day and scheduling of fall clean up. He stated we could work on Waterworks for days on clean ups.

The Women's memorial turned out very nice and was surprised how well it turned out. That was a very nice ceremony and

dedication. It was very well attended and appreciated Director Klaassen for setting up the parking lot with the barrels, it worked out nicely.

What do we want to clean up in the fall?

Is there something that we want to continue with Waterworks and continue clearing the edge of the river or do we want to move on to another part that may need more attention?

Commissioner McCanney asked Summers what his opinion about the edge of the river. Do you feel like we have covered most of the significant parts of it or do you we should devote some attention to the edge of the river more?

Commissioner Summers stated we could but if we do anymore invasive removal of that honeysuckle, we could do more harm than good. He thinks it looks good for right now.

Commissioner McCanney stated the next steps at this park are getting the swings put in and the gazebo. These are the big things we can't do on a cleanup day. Unless there are things, we can do to prep any areas that are meant to facilitate those projects.

Director Klaassen stated an October delivery date for the swings, and we should get them in by this fall before the weather changes. He has been playing phone tag with gazebo company to get a price or pricelist on materials then see if Kerton Lumber can beat the price, so we stay local. It will probably be spring even if it comes from Kertons and that gives us time to figure out exact placement if

we are going to put it on concrete or a wooden floor. I prefer concrete pad due to the longevity. The biggest they provide is 14x28. We are getting quotes on two different sizes with two different roof lines. We have some CBDG money that came available that allows us to replace some of the tables and benches at Lakeside and move other ones down to Waterworks so we will have tables there for the Gazebo/Pavilion.

Commissioner McCanney asked if there is anything we can do to help for prepping for these projects?

Director Klaassan said he does not think so right now but maybe in the spring when they do the spring cleanup, he does not know if we will have to paint the new pavilion or not.

Chairperson Rankin asked if we decided where we are putting the swings in Waterworks.

Commissioner McCanney said they had decided to put them in both at Waterworks along the river and different spots.

Crapo needs some sprucing up. Lakeside needs to be spruced up as well and if we could spend a little time at each place.

Chairperson Rankin stated to pick a Saturday this month like the 25th or the 26th for clean ups. So tentatively we will call it October 9th if we can't get the WHAM group then maybe we switch to the October 23rd.

REPORTS

Director Klaassan stated Roberta O Shea has a couple of volunteers to power wash and touch up the gazebo before hollydays. He also stated we are wrapping up our construction season, North Saginaw will be doing a switch and will be driving on the other side. It should be about six more weeks until they are done.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Hutchins said he is on the parks commission for township parks and is on the agenda for big rocks for the village parks. Next Wednesday we should get the ok to get rid of some of the rocks and that way when fall comes in the brush goes down and the bugs leave you alone.

Commissioner Powers said Karaoke in the Alley has been going well and they changed it to Tuesday and many things are going on for Thursday's. The big news is the Vietnam wall coming to Holly October 22 and they are proposing we put it at Cyclone Park. It's just a proposed site currently. The wall will be in Waterford the week before, so we are hoping to get the platform form Waterford. Lakeside Park for a consideration for the wall to display.

They want to do a Parade for the end of the Afghan war. The date is October 2nd. Jeremy Watson came to the Veterans Resource center and ran the idea by Joe Mishler, and he really liked the idea.

Commissioner Berger wanted to add the 911 weekend at 8 o'clock am at the Purple Heart monument in town there is going to be a 20-to-30-minute tribute to 911 as well.

Commissioner McCanney stated Kristen Watt wanted to add to the monument with some concrete instead of using mulch. The mulch will be gone within one year. If we are going to pour concrete in that park, can we make a more permanent for the monument.

A discussion was held about a winter skatepark at Lakeside.

A discussion was held about parking at the Waterworks Park and how they can change it so hitches from vehicles are not sticking out on the road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Chairperson Rankin adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
Next meeting 10/06/2021

Chris Rankin, Chairperson



Lisa Lawrence, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer