

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of October 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Mitchell called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. located at the Holly Township Offices (Upstairs), 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present

Glen Mitchell, Michael McCanney, Ben Armstead, Ray Kerton, Chuck Stoner, Leslie Jorgensen and Derek Sommer.

Members Absent

None.

Others Present

Paige Smith, Planner and Clerk Winchester.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- **Motion by Commissioner Sommer to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Armstead. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – For Items on the Agenda Only: No Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Special Land Use Permit Amendment Application by the Michigan Renaissance Festival to operate a Festival and other Events on parcel number 01-12-476-002 and 01-12-401-003 in an AGRE. Zoning District.

- **Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to open the public Hearing. Supported by Commissioner Stoner. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.**

Chip Schultz, Director explained that the amendment is needed due to the fact that the Hollydazzle event hours are different than what was approved for the festival's Special Land Use Permit.

- **Motion by Commissioner Sommer to close the public Hearing. Supported by Commissioner Armstead. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2025

- **Motion by Commissioner Sommer to approve August 13, 2025 minutes. Supported by Commissioner Armstead. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.**

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Land Use Permit Amendment Application by the Michigan Renaissance Festival to operate a Festival and other Events on parcel number 01-12-476-002 and 01-12-401-003 in an AGRE. Zoning District.
 - **Commissioner McCanney moved to approve the request to amend the special land use permit for the operation of the Michigan Renaissance Festival at 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442 to allow for the Hollydazzle Light Show to operate from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on the dates noted in the Planner's report dated September 30, 2025, and from 5:00 pm to 12:30 am the evening of December 31st, based on the findings of fact that:**
 - a) **The operation of the site will be harmonious and in accordance with the general and specific objectives of the Township master plan and will be compatible with the natural environment based on the site design and operational regulations put in place by the festival.**
 - b) **The site is designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and will not change the essential character of the area.**
 - c) **The site and operation are not hazardous or disturbing to existing or future nearby uses based on the landscape buffering and operational regulations such as parking management put in place by the festival.**
 - d) **The site and operation are compatible with adjacent uses of land and will promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner, based on the landscape**

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e) The site and operation are served adequately by essential public services.

f) The site and operation will not create excessive additional public costs and will not significantly decrease property values of surrounding properties, based on the continuing investment into the site and its longstanding history in the Township.

g) The site and operation meets all the requirements and standards of the Holly Township Zoning Ordinance and other applicable laws, standards, ordinances, and/or regulations

Supported by Commissioner Stoner. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion by Commissioner Sommer to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Commissioner Armstead. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 7/0.**

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk