

MT. HOLLY SPRINGS PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 19, 2025

Call to Order: Cathy Neff called the meeting to order at 6:30

Attending Members: Cathy Neff, Lois Stoner, Angie Ginter, Karen Bream, Jim Brown and Gus Ginter

Visitors Attending: Pam Still, Anna Hollinger, Karen Johnson, Aubrey Scott and Meg.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 19, 2025 were passed and reviewed. Angie Ginter made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jim Brown seconded the motion, the vote to approve passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Financial report for July 15, 2025 to August 19, 2025 was reviewed. Karen Johnson highlighted bills paid (\$4,786.75), deposits (\$7,216.04) and checking account balance of \$13,165.16.

Public Comment:

Pam Still- extended an invitation to Park & Rec. Committee members to attend the last of 2025 tours at Mt. Tabor Church and cemetery on September 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Aubrey Scott introduced herself and volunteered to organize the Christmas caroling. Committee further discussed, time, date, place and activities.

Old Business:

--National Night Out- Recap – Angie highlighted various survey answers regarding the event: no shade, and more hours. Idea for the National Guard rock climbing wall, we would need to reach out soon for next year, to get on their schedule. Committee set the date for the 2026 National Night Out as August 15, 2026 4:00-7:00 pm at Trine Park. Possibly have Cpl. Carver and Fire Company plan the event with Park & Rec Committee.

--Eagle Scout Project- Status – Butler Park Flagpole/Flowerbed wall is finished.

--Holly Festival Day – to date: 97 vendors. Friday September 19th date for Annan and volunteers design a street map. September 14th letters for residents on Chestnut Street will be delivered. Next year (2026) will be the 50th Holly Day Festival. The committee will work on special activities/features for the 50th anniversary. Discussion regarding non-profits paying and price list for vendors. Gus made a motion for amending fees in 2026 as follows: Vendor spaces \$30.00, Non-profits \$15.00. Must register by May 1, 2026 to reserve a specific space. After August 21st- Vendor spaces \$35.00, Non-profit \$15.00. Day of Festival-Vendor spaces \$40.00, Non-profits \$20.00. Jim seconded the motion with vote to approve passing unanimously.

Ed will paint vendor numbers on the street, NO LETTERS. Advertise on the community page in the Guide; Randy Freed-102.9 FM, Brad Bell Ramblers and Car Show with parade at 3pm. Park & Rec. food stand selling: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Regular Pizza, Breakfast Pizza, Chips, Water and Soda.

New Business:

--Halloween Parade – Wednesday, October 15th at 7pm. Ask Carmen James as Grand Marshall, Randy Thomas as Master of Ceremonies. Judges: Karen Johnson, Jason Bonawitz, and Susan Day. Angie will run registration. Workers: Lois, Marlin, Pam, Chuck, Ed, Gus, Karen B., Suzanne White, Steve Blair and Jim B. and Jim Hoerner/Fire Police

--Holiday Events –

November 29th -Sat- Tree lighting, town lights are lit, and local Business open house.

December 5th, 6th, & 7th MHS Church of God Play

December 7th -Amelia Given Library-cookie sale

December 13th MHS Church of God hosting Breakfast with Santa at 10:00 am

Amelia Given Library-open house -1:00-3:00 pm.

December ?? Caroling Through Mt. Holly—possible Fire House location (Lois will verify).

December 17th Storytime with MHS Officers- 6:00 pm.

December 18th Holiday Light Contest- 6:00 pm.

Santa House --in front of Amelia Given Library

December 13th -Sat-1:00-3:00 pm

19th -Fri-6:00 -8:00 pm

20th -Sat-1:00-3:00 pm

22nd -Mon-6:00-8:00 pm

Trees at Trine Park – MHS Borough Manager Day Tom Day asked Lois to discuss. Remove 10 apple trees at Trine Park, new trees would line the entrance into the park. Group discussed what type of tree would be suited as a replacement. Currently the apple trees are high maintenance: more pruning, pest management, and fertilization, and expensive for park budget. *Potential liability concerns: People may try to climb the trees to get fruit resulting in injuries. Falling apples hitting someone, the attraction of pests and wildlife; bugs, rats, squirrels, deer, raccoons, posing health and allergy risks. Fruit trees can be more susceptible to disease and have short lifespan. Gus made a motion to have Tom research the cost of suitable trees for Trine Park. Jim second the motion and the vote to approve passed. Decision of purchasing is tabled for next meeting.*

--Hilltop Community Church – Turkey Dinner -October 4th 3:00-6:00 pm-- \$12.00 per plate.

–Gus mentioned a possible event about a story auto book.

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 6:30pm

Adjournment–Gus made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim, all were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.