

**VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: President Dan Holloway called the Park Ridge Village Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Village Board meeting was held in person at the Village Hall. After recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, roll call was taken. Trustees Gordon Renfert, Kristin Paulson, Joe Thompson, and President Dan Holloway were present. Dan McFarlane attended via Zoom. Also attending: Shanna Behrend.

Others attending: Jim LaMar, Tom Turchi, MSA; Ken Vogel, Christine Neidlein, Tori Jennings, Marjie Bell, Kay Schultz, Trish Baker, Becky Woodward, Renee Haase.

AGENDA ITEM # 1 - APPROVAL OF THE JULY AGENDA: Motion Thompson, second by Paulson to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – AGENDA ITEMS: Christine Neidlein indicated she wished to speak on Item # 11.

AGENDA ITEM # 3 - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Becky Woodward would like to see a sign on Hillcrest coming eastbound noting where the Village starts. She noted it might be appropriate to lower the speed limit. Trish Baker spoke about the ordinance regarding political signs. She posted on the Friends of Park Ridge Facebook page about this also and urged everyone to be aware of the ordinances and follow them. Tori Jennings stated over a year ago she proposed design estimates on Village welcome signs and no action has been taken. Kristin Paulson asked if the Board could discuss e-bikes and scooters at the next Board meeting. Tom Turchi, MSA, stated there are laws regarding scooters and where they are allowed.

AGENDA ITEM # 4 – REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026: Motion Renfert, second Thompson to approve minutes of the June 15, 2026 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 5 – REVIEW AND APPROVE JUNE TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion Thompson, second McFarlane to approve the June treasurer’s report. Roll Call vote: Renfert – yes; Paulson – yes; Holloway – yes; Thompson- yes; McFarlane – yes. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 6 – REVIEW AND APPROVE JUNE/JULY BILLS/PAYMENTS: Motion Thompson, second Kristin to approve June/July bills/payments. Roll Call vote: Paulson – yes; Holloway – yes; McFarlane – yes; Renfert – yes; Thompson – yes. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 7 – UPDATE ON HILLCREST/GREENBRIAR PROJECT: Tom Turchi of MSA provided an update on the Hillcrest and Greenbriar project and noted that the project is nearing completion and ready for final retainage release. One outstanding item remains at a residential property where A-1 Excavating, LLC has been directed by MSA to complete repairs within a drainage ditch.

Tom recommended that the Village approve release of the retainage contingent upon satisfactory completion of the remaining repair work. Once the repairs have been completed and accepted by the Village, the retainage may be released without further delay. Motion Renfert, second Thompson to approve conditional release of final retainage until all work is completed. Roll Call vote: Paulson – yes; Holloway – yes; McFarlane – yes; Renfert – yes; Thompson – yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Holloway stated there are three streetlights on Sunset and three on Pinecrest that still are not working. He talked with Bushman today. Minimal work would include going in each light and rework wiring. We could go beyond that if it does not resolve the issue. Holloway stated this will be discussed at the August Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 8 – RIDGEWOOD/GREENBRIAR ROAD PROJECT: The City of Stevens Point has not made this an agenda item yet. Their ordinance still states the Village cannot install water main on this project until we agree to a consolidation agreement. Holloway is hoping this will be taken care of at the City's August Council meeting.

Tom Turchi of MSA reported that an operational planning meeting for the Ridgewood and Greenbrier Road Project was held on July 7. In addition, a public informational meeting was conducted on July 21 to present the project to residents, discuss the proposed improvements, and gather public feedback. Project coordination and planning efforts are ongoing.

AGENDA ITEM # 9 – STREET MAINTENANCE: Holloway stated maintenance is working out well. Fahrner has completed chip sealing and will be doing crack filling on Odessa Court, Angelo Court, and north Linwood from Hillcrest to Park Ridge Drive. Total work for Fahrner was approximately \$27,000. Zblewski's quote was \$11,000 but it was determined some work on Pinecrest was determined the City is responsible for that repair, which would reduce the amount to \$9,000. A quote from American was approximately \$24,385 for Maplewood between Hillcrest and Linwood. There's an eighty foot stretch of Hillcrest east of Fieldcrest that has been a problem and that will be overlaid a similar way. Sunset Avenue north up to Crestwood will be paved with blacktop to level out the bumps.

The Board approved up to \$60,000 at the last meeting for street maintenance. Holloway is requesting the Board approve additional funds to cover all costs. Motion Renfert, second Thompson to increase the budget to \$65,000. Roll Call vote: Renfert – yes; Paulson – yes; Holloway – yes; Thompson – yes; McFarlane – yes. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 10 – CMAR RESOLUTION 002.2026 R: The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) is prepared and submitted to the DNR annually by the Village Clerk. It is for the sewage collection system. Motion Paulson, second Thompson to approve Resolution 002.2026 R. Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 11 – SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE 7.0101 – TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (R90.6.1): Tom Turchi of MSA reviewed the proposed speed limit amendment, Ordinance 7.01(1), along with the supporting memorandum and evaluation criteria used in determining appropriate speed limits within the Village.

Tom explained that four primary factors were considered in evaluating the proposed speed limit reductions: (1) Evaluation of roadway environment and characteristics. (2) Assessment of geographic and land use context. (3) Review of crash history and safety data. (4) Measurement of prevailing vehicle speeds.

Based on the analysis, Tom reported that the necessary conditions have been met to support reducing speed limits to 20 mph on Village streets. Exceptions include State Highway 66 (Main Street), Green Street north of State Highway 66, and Sunset Avenue north of State Highway 66, where existing roadway characteristics and jurisdictional considerations warrant maintaining current speed limits.

Christine Neidlein asked if any Board members have talked with the Sheriff's Department. She's talked to many residents who do not support the speed limit change. It was noted people riding e-bikes speed through stop signs. She suggested an informal survey be conducted on Election Day. Trish Baker stated there are more families with small children living in the Village. Anything the Village can do to encourage people to slow down is important. Trustee Thompson stated better, smoother roads will help drivers slow down. Motion Holloway, second Thompson to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on those streets listed in the Ordinance and adopt Ordinance Amendment 7.01.1, with an edit in Section I, 1. Speed Limits, (a) remove the word "or". Motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM # 12 – ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: Holloway stated considerable progress has been made. A vacant house at 112 Linwood continues to have poor lawn conditions. Letters have been sent in the past to the owner.

AGENDA ITEM # 13 – ELECTION INFORMATION: August 11 is the Partisan Primary. In-person absentee voting begins July 28 and ends August 6. A public test of election equipment will be held August 4.

AGENDA ITEM # 14 – BUILDING INSPECTOR UPDATE: Holloway met with a prospective building inspector. He has several contracts with small municipalities. He would be a good inspector and a good fit for the Village. Holloway has his fee schedule and feels the fees charged are reasonable. It was suggested Holloway speak with former building inspector Zepp. This will be on the August meeting agenda.

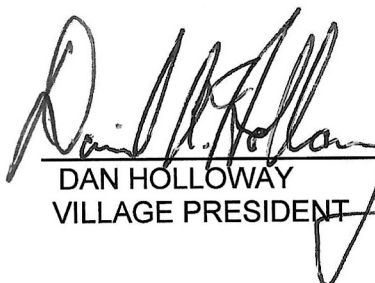
AGENDA ITEM # 15 – NEW FLAGS AND HARDWARE: Holloway stated he went through the Village on July 4th and replaced eight flags and put up one new flag. The Village doesn't have extra flags and poles. For under \$2,000 the Village can purchase new flags, balls for the pole ends, bearing spinners and some wooden poles. Every streetlight should have a flag on it.

AGENDA ITEM # 16: WI DNR RESTRICTED INVASIVE SPECIES: CREEPING BELLFLOWER: Kristin Paulson stated she identified thirty-five houses in the Village that have this plant in their yards. This plant takes over gardens and yards and can cause significant environmental harm. One plant can produce 15,000 seeds.

AGENDA ITEM # 17: SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 17 at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM # 18 - ADJOURN: Motion Paulson, second Thompson to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.


ANNE ARNDT
VILLAGE CLERK


DAN HOLLOWAY
VILLAGE PRESIDENT