



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission
Allegan, MI 49010**

**Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street
Allegan MI 49010
Monday, June 6, 2016 6:30P**

MINUTES

- I. Call to order: Paula Mintek called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- II. Attendance: Cyndi Reed, Bert Brouwer, Lori Perkins, Mike Manning, Betty McDaniel, Paula Mintek, Judy Mccall

Also Present: Aaron Haskin and Mel Brummel

- III. Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2016: Lori, supported by Cyndi, motioned to approve of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- A. Judy Mccall new Parks Commission member: Judy was introduced and welcomed to the Parks Commission.
- B. Mountain Bike Trail: Mel shared a map of the new mountain bike trail. He has been working with an individual who helped worked on the Ottawa County mountain bike trails to layout the new path. Mel stated this Thursday he will complete the marking of the new path. He plans to utilize individuals on probation and parolees to help clear brush along the trail. Jim Ligget, owner of Ropes Courses has volunteered his time and equipment to assist in cutting the trail. Mel's target completion date is the end of July.
- C. Parks Brochure: Aaron handed out the updated parks brochure. The brochure is available at the new Welcome Center, the Farmers Market and at City Hall.
- D. Riverfront Paving: The Riverfront Paving project is out to bid. The project completion time was extended to November 1 to attract more bidders. The project includes: minor widening of the west entry drive to the Riverfront, a water main and new hydrant near the Veteran's Memorial, modifications to parking lot islands, creation of a green space for a future zip line tower and 2 inches of new asphalt on the west lot. The east parking lot will get 2 inches of new pavement or a seal coat depending on the bid pricing.

- E. Kayak/Canoe Launch: The project is nearing completion. The floating dock is planned to be installed this week. The parking lot has been repaved, the new concrete paths are complete and the landscaping is planted.
- F. Welcome Center/Restrooms: The Welcome Center is complete and the ribbon cutting ceremony was June 1. The Commission discussed adding window decals, so the public knows it is a welcome center and public restrooms. They suggested placing a temporary sign up if a permanent one is not ready for Bridgefest. Aaron will check on the getting the decals completed.
- G. Riverfront Sculpture: Paula updated that installation is planned for June 28 depending on the artist completing it in time. The concrete foundation is planned to be poured this week.

IV. New Business

V. Comments

- Betty said she and Paula installed a labyrinth banner at Rossman Park. She also stated that the Friends of Allegan Parks will not be hosting the Garden Tour this year.
- Lori said she found information that the Lions Club built the pavilion at Jaycee Park in 1970 for a cost of \$700. She said the Lions would like to have the sign on the pavilion updated.
- Aaron informed the Commission that a fence will be installed around the tall transformer and breaker box near Boardwalk Ice cream to hide them and improve the appearance of the riverfront plaza.
- The Commission would like to do a tour of the parks on the trolley at the August meeting.

VI. Adjournment: The next scheduled meeting falls on July 4. The Commission decided to cancel the July meeting and have the next meeting on August 1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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