



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Public Spaces Commission
Allegan, MI 49010**

**Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street
Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to order: Judi McCall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Attendance: Paula Mintek, Judi McCall, Mike Manning, Cyndi Reed, Pete Savage

Absent: Rosie Hunter, Delora Andrus, Landria Christman

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Jeff Morrie, Sandy Savage
3. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2019: Pete, supported by Paula, motioned to approve the April 10, 2019 minutes. The minutes were approved.
4. Public Comment: Sandy Savage attended the meeting to discuss why the large trees at the intersection of Sherman and M89 were removed. She believes these trees were approximately 180 years old and they should have been declared historical trees. She would like trees like this to be protected in future development plans. She also inquired about the tree line between Mahan Park and the vacant lot at State Street. With the City looking at developing this lot will the trees be saved and what type of building will be going there? Pete commented that we should protect some of our large historical trees in the City. Sandy will be attending a City Council meeting to express her concerns as well.
5. Cemetery Fence Discussion: The fencing around the cemetery was looked at during the April Public Spaces Commission and was brought back for discussion. The Commission is concerned about people driving in the cemetery and possibly running over headstones, so they don't want to remove all of the perimeter fencing at this time. They would like a section of fence on Arbor Street removed and see if there are any issues first. They also discussed removing all of the finials on the fence along Western Ave., or possibly replacing the missing ones. Staff will research replacement finials.

Pete, supported by Paula, made a motion recommended the removal of the chain link fence between the Arbor Street entrance gate and Julia Street. The motion passed.

Paula, supported by Cyndi, made a motion to research a fence similar to the fencing along Western Avenue to be installed along Arbor Street between Western Ave. and the Arbor Street entrance to protect the old headstones in this section. The motion passed.

6. Pickle Ball Sign: Paula presented a mock up for a permanent pickle ball sign. The sign is the same style as the Labyrinth sign across the highway. Cyndi, supported by Pete, motioned to approve the design. Aaron and Paula will work on getting the new sign constructed for the park.
7. Cemetery Rules Signage: Paula presented two sign mock ups for the cemetery entrances similar to the pickle ball sign. The Commission chose the design with “City of Allegan” at the bottom as with the other signs and an oak tree design at the top. The Commission would like Paula and staff to continue working on the language to be placed on the sign and presented at a future meeting.
8. Dog Clean up Stations: At the last meeting a comment was made that the City should have more dog cleanup stations in the downtown area and possibly the cemetery. There is conflicting information between the City Ordinances and the City’s Municipal Policy about walking dogs in the cemetery, so dog cleanup stations were not discussed for the cemetery. The Commission decided a dog cleanup station should be added in Hanson Park near the pedestrian bridge.
9. Riverfront Stage and Plaza Rental: The Commission discussed renting/reserving the stage and plaza area immediately in front of the stage. Cyndi motioned, supported by Paula, to recommend renting the Riverfront stage area to organizations for events upon City Council approval. The motion passed.
10. Rossman Park Plantings and Irrigation: Cyndi presented landscape sketches and drip irrigation material costs for Rossman Park. The Commission would like to complete the landscaping and install a drip irrigation system in the Labyrinth quadrant of the park first. Time and budget permitting they would like to irrigate the plantings in the other quadrants as well.
11. Adjournment: Paula, supported by Cyndi, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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