



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

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 6:00 pm

****Meet at Allegan Township Hall**
3037 118th Ave.
Allegan, MI 49010**

MINUTES

Joint Meeting with Allegan Township Planning Board

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Attendance: Parks Commission: Betty McDaniel, Bert Brouwer, Cyndi Reed, Lori Perkins, Paula Mintek, Ruth Smith, Becky Rininger

Township Planning Board: Terry Skoglund, Martin Ruitter, Karl Spreitzer, Jim Connell, Mike Buese, Hollis Hough and Ted Heckman

Also Present: Dave Bee, Aaron Haskin and Steve Schulz (arrived at 7:00 for the public input session).
- III. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2013 and April 10, 2013: Becky Rininger, supported by Betty McDaniel and Terry Skoglund, motioned to approve of the March 6 and the April 10 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Parks Master Plan preparations with Dave Bee and Allegan Township Planning Commission:
 1. Aaron reported on the Riverfront Master Plan meeting that was on April 11, 2013. There was a good turn-out for the presentation.

The public was asked to comment on the different concepts and a final presentation is scheduled for June 18, 2013, 7:00 at the Griswold Auditorium. The Veteran's Memorial Park improvement project is being designed and planned for construction this fall.

2. Bike lanes and routes were discussed. The Industrial Park is wide enough to paint bike lanes on the sides, but Eastern Ave between Lowe and M222 is too narrow to add bike lanes. Jim Connell would like to see bike lanes painted on Industrial Dr. and Eastern Ave. as a start to the bike lanes in the City. Old railroad beds were suggested to be used as bike lanes into the City. There was an old bed along River Street that could be looked at for that use. It was suggested to look at adding bike lanes on Briggs and Lowe Streets to N. Main when they are repaved.

3. Betty McDaniel suggested we put bike lanes and trails in our plan and state that we are working together (City and Township) to increase our chances at a grant; and consider purchasing property to extend trails.

4. Improving the sidewalks on the M89 and M222 bridges was mentioned.

5. Lighting up the 2nd Street bridge at night, winter activities like ice skating, cross country skiing and snow shoe trails, trail linkages, park signage and mountain biking trails were discussed.

6. Much discussion followed

B. Canoe Launch/Fishing Dock light at the dam: Aaron presented a quote from Q 3 Technologies to install a goose neck style lamp on a new wood pole and connect it to the electric on the dam. The light proposed is a sodium vapor bulb to match all other City lights. The lighting will be for the dock areas at the dam. Paula motioned, supported by Becky, to recommend the approval of the Q3 quote for lighting at the dam. The motion passed.

C. Veteran's Memorial Park: Aaron passed around three design concepts and asked for comments. He will take the comments back to Cornelisse Design, so they can keep moving forward on a final design. The construction is proposed to begin this September, if all construction permits are obtained by then.

V. New Business

A. 7:00 -8:00 - Parks Master Plan Public Input/Issue Identification Workshop:

Nobody from the general public showed up to comment or add input to the Parks Master Plan.

The two boards continued to discuss ideas for the master plan. . Steve Schulz discussed his desire to have an ice skating area. There was a lot of discussion about the Miner Lake property for sale which could potentially be a nature park/preserve. The group decided this should be an action item in the Master Plan, so the Township can potentially apply for a land acquisition grant. Terry Skoglund stated he thinks biking and walking trail linkages between the Township and the City should be first on the list in the Master Plan.

Dave Bee will continue gathering input and suggestions to create the new joint Allegan Township/City of Allegan Parks Master Plan.

VI. Comments

VII. Adjournment – Spreitzer/Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be available at City Hall, 112 Locust Street, and Allegan MI 49010 (269)673-5511