

**JOINT MEETING
ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ALLEGAN CITY PARKS COMMISSION
AUGUST 14, 2013 7:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Terry Skoglund called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- II. Approve Minutes of June 17, 2013 Meeting and Public Hearing on July 17, 2013 for Allegan Township.
 - A. Ruiter/Connell made motion to approve the minutes which passed with an aye vote

- III. Attendance
 - A. City of Allegan Parks Commission:
 - 1. Aaron Haskin, Betty McDaniel, Nancy Ingalsbee, Lori Perkins, Ruth Smith, Bert Brouwer, and Paula Mintek.
 - B. Allegan Township Planning Board:
 - 1. Terry Skoglund, Jim Connell, Karl Spreitzer, Ted Heckman, Martin Ruiter, and Mike Buese.
 - C. Others Present:
 - 1. Mel Brummell presenting information on Mountain Biking Trails, and Dave Bee from West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.

- IV. Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2013
 - A. McDaniel/Skoglund made motion to approve the minutes which passed with an aye vote.

- V. Old Business
 - A. Mountain Biking Trail Project in the City of Allegan discussion with Mel Brummel.
 - 1. Mel Brummel presented the information on the Mountain Bike Trails in Allegan Township and Allegan City with much enthusiasm and information. He has contacted Michigan Mountain Bike Association and they have walked the area for the trails with Mel. It would be a 6 ½ mile loop from City to Township. Mel also stated that he had started marking the trail today and it is 18 inches wide.
 - 2. Spreitzer had concern about liability since the trail would be going on private property with Brummel stated that the liability would be covered under the Michigan Mountain Bike Association.
 - 3. Brummel stated that some of the boy scouts from Allegan and Hopkins have offered to make maps and signs to earn their Eagle Scout.
 - 4. Skoglund asked if we should have this written in the Recreation Plan with Dave Bee saying there is something like that in the plans already.
 - 5. Brummel stated that they hope to develop the trail behind Maple Tree Apartments to Hooker Road this Fall.
 - 6. Connell asked if there would be competitions on these trails and Brummel said he wasn't sure if they could do that.

- B. Parks Joint Recreation Plan 2nd Draft Review with Dave Bee....review/discussion
 - 1. Dave Bee passed out the changes and he walked thru the changes. Also he combined the City & Township.
 - 2. A public hearing is set for Sept 25, 2013 at the Griswold from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Aaron Haskin will be putting the public hearing ad in the paper on August 21, 2013 and then again closer to Sept 25, 2013 as a reminder to the public.
 - 3. Skoglund feels that since our goal is to communicate the plans, therefore, we should have something for the public to see - like a map of bike routes, and list of goals. Dave Bee said he would try to get something together.

V. New Business

- A. No new business

VI. Adjournment

- A. Skoglund/McDaniel made motion to adjourn with passed with an aye vote at 8:00 PM.