



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission Meeting
Allegan, MI 49010
Monday October 7, 2013 6:30 pm**

****MEET AT GRISWOLD AUDITORIUM**
401 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010**

MINUTES

- I. Call to order: Betty McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Attendance: Paula Mintek, Betty McDaniel, Becky Rininger, Cyndi Reed and Bert Brouwer

Absent: Lori Perkins and Ruth Smith

Others Present: Aaron Haskin, Mary Colburn and Keith Behm
- III. Approval of minutes from the Joint City/Township meeting on September 25, 2013: Betty, supported by Cyndi, motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Veteran's Memorial Park: Aaron shared the proposed plans with the Commission and gave them the status of the project. We are waiting on some permits and the DNR's approval of the plans and specifications. The project is proposed to be bid out this fall with construction in spring 2014. Aaron is asking the DNR for a project completion extension through to the end of June, 2014. A sign explaining the project has been placed at the Veteran's Park area. Paula said the Arts Council will contact Jay Prosch-Jensen about removing the sculpture in the park before

the ground freezes this winter, so it is not in the way of construction in the spring.

- B. Riverfront Development Project and sinking fund vote: Betty and Keith Behm discussed the upcoming vote to use \$500,000 of the sinking fund principle for Riverfront Improvements. A committee separate from the City called the Committee to Revitalize Our Riverfront has been formed to help promote and educate the public about the proposal. Information was given to the Commission members about joining or donating to this effort if they would like to individually.
- C. Allegan's 175th Anniversary Celebration: Aaron reminded everyone about the 175th Celebration coming up on Saturday, October 12.
- D. Fall Park shutdowns: Aaron informed the Commission about the schedule for winter preparations this fall in the parks. The Sue Lange Park fountain is out and the sprinkler system will be shut down by the 2nd week of October. The river fountains will be removed mid-October. Jaycee Park restrooms will be winterized and closed mid-October. All sprinkler systems will winterized by the end of October. The Sports Complex concession stand and restrooms will be winterized and closed after the soccer tournament on November 1-3.

V. New Business

- A. Mary Colburn's Love Letters in Mahan Park: Mary attended the meeting and asked the Commission if she could install two 4 feet x 8 feet love letters in Mahan Park; the letters were in this year's Grand Rapids Art Prize. She would like them up for the 175th Anniversary Celebration and removed by October 18. Cyndi motioned, supported by Paula, to attach the love letters on the riverfront railing near Mahan Park for the dates requested. The motion passed.

VI. Comments

- Paula informed the Commission that the sculpture Dina Hestera created with the after school art program has been installed near the entrance of Jaycee Park.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is November 4, 2013.