



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission Meeting
Allegan, MI 49010
Monday June 2, 2014 6:30 pm**

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

MINUTES

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

Absent: Bert Brouwer

Also present: Aaron Haskin, Greg Carlson, Brent Larson, and David Green
- III. Approval of minutes from April 7, 2014: Cyndi, supported by Lori, motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Parks Commission Training Manual: Aaron asked if the Commission had questions about the manual. Most members had not had a chance to read it yet, so this item will be discussed at the next Parks meeting.
 - B. Sports Complex Sign: Aaron shared the sign proof from Signs Now and informed the Commission one sign had been ordered. Betty asked if we should add another sign at the north driveway entrance also. The other members thought that was a good idea and instructed Aaron to order a second sign.

- C. Health Lifestyles Grant/Parks Promotion: The Commission discussed ideas to promote the City's parks system. They discussed placing info on websites, brochures and links to the county website. Paula would like to see a map designed with each park's amenities listed. Greg said he will research what other communities have out on the web. Betty, supported by Lori, motioned to proceed with gathering information and follow through with applying for a grant to help with the project. The motion was approved. This item will be on the next few agendas.
- D. Labyrinths: David Green, Greg Carlson and Brent Larson representing Wings of Hope and Allegan General Hospital attended the Parks meeting to discuss building a labyrinth in a City park. David passed out some information about labyrinths and discussed what labyrinths are used for and why the Wings of Hope and Allegan General Hospital desire to install one in the community. Labyrinths are circular walking paths used as a tool for personal, psychological and spiritual healing. David said the area they think a labyrinth would work well is the SE quadrant of Rossman Park. The Parks Commission was very enthused with the idea and the location. Lori, supported by Greg, motioned to support the placement of a labyrinth in Rossman Park. They would like the area signed well, so individuals understand what it is and what it is used for. The motioned passed unanimously. Aaron asked David to write a letter to be presented to the City Council for approval to build the labyrinth in Rossman Park.
- E. Veteran's Memorial Park Project: Aaron informed the Commission that the project is getting close to completion. It should be complete by mid-month. The Commission will look at the site at the next meeting, weather permitting.
- F. Baby Changing Stations in the Sports Complex Restroom: The Commission discussed the idea of adding the typical plastic changing stations in the restrooms. Paula was approached by an individual about it last month. The cost of the stations is not terribly expensive, but vandalism of them could be a problem. The Commission would like to do some research and gather some more input on the need of the stations before making any decisions.
- G. Downtown Trees: The Commission walked down Hubbard Street and discussed the removal and replacement of the locust trees downtown. Removing them over time was discussed and

then what type of pattern would look the best. They decided the best time to remove and replant trees would be in the fall, so there is time to discuss any removals. Aaron was asked to mark up some of the worst looking trees over the next month.

V. New Business

VI. Comment

- Betty informed the Commission that a secret spaces tour is scheduled on October 20th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is also the same day the Jaycees will hold their Oktoberfest in on the Riverfront in the evening.
- Greg put in a plug for the Ugly Sweater 5K run he is organizing as a fund raiser for Relay for Life. The event will be held in early December and will be along City Streets.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm for the walk to look at the downtown trees.

The next scheduled meeting is July 7, 2014.

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