



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission Meeting
Allegan, MI 49010
Monday, November 3, 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 6:35 pm.
- II. Attendance: Bert Brouwer, Paula Mintek, Greg Penny and Cyndi Reed

Absent: Lori Perkins, Becky Rininger and Betty McDaniel

Also Present: Aaron Haskin
- III. Approval of minutes from October 6, 2014: Greg motioned, supported by Bert, to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Joint Meeting with the City's and Allegan Township's Planning Commission: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the joint meeting and noted the discussion on bike trails, river access points, and landscaped areas at the former jail site.
 - B. Parks Tour follow-up: The Commission reviewed and discussed the items from tour which were on the October 6 minutes. Trees have already been cut near the M89 Bridge and the Labyrinth Planning Group is working on becoming a non-profit group. The other items on the list will be discussed further and/or completed in the spring.
 - C. Parks winterization: Aaron updated that the restrooms at Jaycee Parks and the Sports Complex are shut down and winterized for

the season. All irrigation lines have been blown out and all fountains have been removed.

- D. Parks Promotion on the City Website: This item was discussed briefly. Abonmarch will help us put a brochure together and we discussed creating a map for the City website with links to park descriptions and photos.
- E. Mill district potential uses: The Commission rode the tour bus along the cobblestone road to the MDOT project site along M222 in October. They think the area has potential as a passive recreation area for hiking, biking and skiing and also recognized the flooding tendency of the area. This will be an ongoing discussion and may depend on what happens to the cobblestone road installed for the bank stabilization project.

V. New Business

- A. Sculptures and artwork in the City: Paula brought up this item and shared information on what Hastings has been doing to have sculptures in their community. The Arts Council is working on this and would like to have a sculpture program in Allegan.
- B. Vacant lot landscaping: The Commission discussed the possibilities of adding benches, tables and landscaping on the vacant lots the City owns along M89 at Hubbard Street and Trowbridge Street. They asked that this be a future agenda discussion topic.

VI. Comments

- VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 1, 2014.

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