



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission Meeting
Allegan, MI 49010
June 1, 2015**

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

MINUTES

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

Absent: -----

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Mel Brummel, and Robert Hillard
- III. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2015: Lori P., supported by Greg P., motioned to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015, meeting, as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Mountain Bike Trail: Robert H. outlined the project status, and the change in scope of the project. Mel B. and Aaron H. reviewed the concept and their thoughts behind the project. Because of some easement issues, the project would be significantly shorter than originally designed. The mountain bike trail would begin at the city limits on the newly considered city property, and continue behind Highpoint Apartments, City Water Tower, Devore, Pritchard Estate, and Antkoviak Properties. The Commission discussed this being a one or two way trail, and it looks like it will be two way, with the option of the users going on Hooker Road to the beginning of the trail on public road ways. The Commission also discussed this trail as Phase One,

with Phase Two becoming a walking trail, and Phase Three as a significant mountain bike trail when complete. The Commission discussed that Phase one is the focus at this point, and they support the shorter route based on the limitations of the easements at this time. Paula Mintek, supported by Cyndi Reed, made a motion to support Phase One of the Mountain Bike Trail. Motion passed by acclamation.

- B. Hubbard Street Vacant Lot: The Parks Commission discussed that their focus was on the Hubbard Street lot west of Cedar Street. After discussion, Lori P., supported by Cyndi R., made a motion to place two park benches, remove the tree which is dying, and plant a tree as a passive park for pedestrians in the City. Motion passed by acclamation.
- C. Cemetery/Parks Tree Trimming: The Parks Commission discussed some tree trimming that was needed at Rossman Park and the cemetery. Aaron H. indicated that he will contract this work.
- D. Disc Golf Course – Jaycee Park: The Parks Commission discussed the installation of a disc golf course at Jaycee Park. The Commission discussed other locations, as well as financial participation by the Jaycees. Greg P. will be in contact with the Jaycees.
- E. Rossman Park proposed Basketball Area

The Commission reviewed the project, and discussed previous quotes, and project scope. The Commission discussed fencing, and additional needs related to the project. The Commission will investigate fencing, and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

- F. Water Street Fencing

The Parks Commission reviewed the area and decided to meet on Water Street gazebo at 6:15P, the night of the July meeting, to observe and make a final recommendation. Aaron H. indicated that the DPW did power wash the boardwalk.

V. New Business

Paula M. and Betty M. shared the preliminary designs for the Labyrinth at Rossman. They are still working on funding sources. The Allegan Labyrinth Project has become an official non-profit organization.

Aaron H. indicated the dock at Jaycee Park in the Kalamazoo River is scheduled to be removed this week because of its unsafe condition. A bench will be put in its place to provide sitting for anglers.

VI. Adjournment – Becky, supported by Lori, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. The next scheduled meeting is July 6, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Hillard
City Manager

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