



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission Meeting
Allegan, MI 49010
July 6, 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, Betty McDaniel, Paula Mintek, Cyndi Reed, and Bert Brouwer

Absent: Greg Penny

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Robert Hillard
- III. Approval of minutes from June 1, 2015: Lori P., supported by Bert B., motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Water Street Fencing (Met at 6:15P on site) The Committee discussed their site visit to Water Street. The Commission discussed, and believed this was a low priority, based on history and recent maintenance.
 - B. Mountain Bike Trail: Robert H. outlined the project status, and the change in scope of the project. The plan is for the trail head to end at the water tower. The City continues to work with Highpoint Apartments, and hopes to receive the easement very shortly. Mel B. and Aaron H. will work together to coordinate the trail development, with the hope it will be developed this year.

C. Cemetery/Parks Tree Trimming: The Parks Commission was updated on the tree trimming needed at Rossman Park and the cemetery.

D. Cemetery/Parks Tour – August 3, 2015

The Parks Commission scheduled a tour of the cemetery and parks on August 3, 2015, at 6:30P. The Commission will meet at the Griswold, and will tour the facilities on the trolley.

E. Cemetery Headstone Repairs

Amanda Strickfaden asked the Commission if they have any objections to her and a group of interested citizens cleaning and repairing headstones at the Oakwood Cemetery. She indicated that they would primarily use water and minor cleaning material. She showed a before and after photo of the work she did on an existing headstone, and the Commission was pleased. They would also report major damage they discover on the headstones to the Commission, and discuss the next steps related to repairs. The Commission discussed that the City does not own the headstones, but many do not have relatives remaining to care for the headstones. The Commission thanked Amanda for moving forward on this project, and expressed support.

F. Disc Golf Course – Jaycee Park: The Parks Commission discussed the installation of a disc golf course at Jaycee Park. G. Penny is taking the information to the Jaycees to see if they have interest. Abonmarche did provide some technical documentation on proposed sizes for courses. The Commission discussed that it was important to have an advocacy group champion the project, in order to develop interest and justify expense. The Commission will discuss at a future meeting.

G. Rossman Park Proposed Basketball Area

The Commission reviewed the project, and discussed moving forward as a priority project. Cyndi R. supported by Paula M., made a motion to authorize staff to change the tennis court to a basketball area. Motion passed by acclamation. Aaron H. will evaluate the surface, and install baskets and nets. If the cost is more than \$2,500, he will bring the project back to the Commission.

V. New Business

VI. Commission Comment

Paula M. noticed a tree that was planted in the Sport Complex that was quite a ways from the pathway. She indicated that the original plan was to plant trees close to the trail, to preserve the playing fields. She also indicated she noticed some Poison Ivy in the flower garden at the Sports Complex. Aaron H. updated the Commission on the Hubbard Street project. Benches have arrived, and will be installed soon. The Commission indicated they did notice a tree that was dead adjacent to the Water Street parking area, during their visit earlier in the day, as well as a drinking fountain that was stuck in the ‘On’ position.

VII. Adjournment – Becky, supported by Cynthia, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42P. The next scheduled meeting is August 3, 2015, at 6:30P.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Hillard
City Manager

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