



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Parks Commission
Allegan, MI 49010**

**Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street
Allegan MI 49010**

**Monday, December 7, 2015
6:30P**

MINUTES

- I. Call to order: Paula Mintek called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- II. Attendance: Paula Mintek, Cyndi Reed, Lori Perkins, Bert Brouwer, Becky Rininger and Mike Manning

Absent: Betty McDaniel

Also Present: Aaron Haskin and Mel Brummel

- III. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2015: Becky, supported by Lori, motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- A. Mountain Bike Trail: Mel Brummel discussed the exciting news about the construction of the 1st mountain bike trail in Allegan. The trail is cut in and is currently rideable and walkable. Five hired trail builders and 6 parolees worked on the trail and completed it in about 2.5 days. The trail is approximately 1.5 miles long. More work such as brush removal and bank stabilization still needs to take place, but it can be used in its current state. Mel will organize parolees to assist with further trail work and maintenance. He is checking to see if a Boy Scout individual or troop would be interested in helping to maintain the trail or possibly installing entry signs and trail markers as an

Eagle Scout project. He is planning on creating an Allegan Chapter through the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. Central dispatch and Life EMS will be notified of the trail location in case of an emergency. Mel would like to continue creating more trails as time and funds allow.

- B. Riverfront Fishing Platform Railing Modification: Aaron shared a design plan from Abonmarche to modify the railing around the fishing platform on the Riverfront. The current railing was constructed to universal accessibility standards, which is lower than the other Riverfront railing and it has a gap at the bottom to land fish under the railing. The proposed design change raises the railing higher and leaves two locations 2.5 feet wide for ADA accessible fishing. The Commission discussed the modification and the safety reasoning behind the proposed change. They also discussed placing a ladder on the fishing platform to get out of the water along the seawall. The Commission members would like to look at the fishing platform and railing before making a recommendation, so this item will be re-visited at the next meeting.
- C. Pickle ball Court Cost Estimate: Aaron shared a rough cost estimate to convert the tennis court into two pickle ball courts in the amount of \$5000. The Commission would like to estimate a colored epoxy surface for the courts and add a kiosk. Aaron will revise the estimate for discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Basketball Court Cost Estimate: Aaron shared a rough cost estimate to convert the currently unused asphalt at the Sports Complex into a basketball court. The estimated cost is \$5200 with doing some asphalt repairs and seal coating. The Commission also discussed the removal of the fence around the asphalt.
- E. Disc Golf Course Cost Estimate: The equipment for a basic 9-hole disc golf course at Jaycee Park will be about \$4500. The Commission discussed tee box materials; concrete, natural, gravel, wood chips, and rubber mats. They decided wood chips would be the preferred low cost option. Graded playground woodchips for all of the tee boxes will be an additional \$200. The total cost for the course will be around \$5000 with the DPW installing the equipment, signs and tee boxes.

IV. New Business

V. Comments: Paula shared that the Labyrinth Project received a Delano Foundation Grant in the amount of \$12,000. The Delano Foundation also granted \$6000 towards the Riverfront sculpture project.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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