



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Terresa Galloway, Mark Heather, Rosie Hunter, Korree Johnson, Peter Savage

Absent: Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Katie James, Cyndi Reed

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager, Parker Johnson, Downtown & Promotions Manager, Doug Kadzban, Department of Public Works Director, Mel Brummel

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2021 by Peter, supported by Mark. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

- a. Allegan Mountain Bike Trail & Hiking Trail
 - i. Mel Brummel gave background and history on the formation of the Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail for the Public Spaces Commission and introduced plans to extend the trail from 3 miles to over 6 miles.
 - ii. Costs for extension, parking lot creation, and more is planned to be raised via crowdfunding.
- b. Other Comments
 - i. Joel and Doug made the group aware of the crumbling skate park located at Jaycee Park. The 15-year warranty on the project does not cover labor and repair costs exceed \$30K. As an immediate response, DPW staff will address the issues as they can to curb further deterioration.
 - ii. Mark brought attention to the cracking surface of the pickle ball courts located at Rossman Park.

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6. Oakwood Cemetery

- a. Living History Cemetery Tour
 - i. The 8th Annual Living History Tour returns on June 4 and 5, 2021 after a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- b. Other Comments
 - i. Peter provided an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery.

7. Trees

- a. Arbor Day
 - i. Arbor Day will be recognized on April 30. Details on the type of tree and its destination for planting will be shared soon.
- b. 2021 Tree Plantings
 - i. Doug and the DPW are working on selecting the type and planting location of the 10 trees the DPW purchases annually. Members are encouraged to email Doug with their suggestions.
 - ii. Joel informed the group that the area of overgrown shrubs, trees, and other ill-maintained foliage in Mahan Park along the boardwalk will be removed this summer. New plant life will replace what is removed.
- c. Other Comments
 - i. Rosie wants the City of Allegan to consider hiring an arborist for contract work.

8. Other Discussion Item

- a. 2021 Downtown Flora Follow-Up
 - i. Board members were asked in January to provide their thoughts and ideas for downtown plantings in 2021. Korree was the only member to submit ideas after that meeting. His list was shared with the Doug and the DPW.

9. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

- a. Board Member Comments
 - i. Mark wants to consider naming the pedestrian alleyway that connects Trowbridge Street to Hubbard Street.
 - ii. Mark inquired about the tables that were located in the aforementioned alley and if they would be replaced.
 - iii. Rosie shared her interest in exercise equipment being added to one of our City parks to promote health and wellness.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Parker Johnson
Downtown & Promotions Manager