



**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, Teresa Galloway, Mark Heather, Katie James, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed (6:32pm), Peter Savage

Absent: Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Rosie Hunter

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

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2021 by Mark, supported by Peter. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

a. Other Comments

- i. Korree remarked on new benches at the pickle ball courts to replace the ones brought in by players to add to consistency of other City benches.
- ii. Cyndi wished for more attention to be brought to Rossman Park including a drip system and provided history of the former Allegan Garden Club.

6. Oakwood Cemetery

a. Other Comments

- i. Staff shared DPW concerns regarding the deteriorating pillars around the surrounding of the cemetery and the need to replace/repair them in the near future.
- ii. Peter provided an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery and the upcoming Living History Tour.

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7. Trees

- a. Arbor Day Recap
 - i. Doug shared photos and a review of the Arbor Day event held on April 30 for the Public Spaces Commission members who were not in attendance.
- b. Other Comments
 - i. Judi shared details on the South Haven Arborist that some members met with the week prior. His advice and suggestions were well-received.
 - ii. Teresa and another councilmember, Dave Redding, have been discussing the possibility of bringing in a Forrester for an assessment of their own.

8. Other Discussion Item

- a. Downtown Streetscape Project Update
 - i. Joel Dye and Parker Johnson took the group through a review of the Downtown Streetscape Project, including new information that Congressman Fred Upton recommended Phase One of the Downtown Streetscape to receive \$1M in federal funding through the Community Project Funding. Construction of Brady and Locust Streets is targeted to begin in 2022.

9. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

- a. Board Member Comments
 - i. Korree wanted to address his desire to see more organization of Rossman Esplanade in the two unused quadrants opposite the labyrinth and pickle ball courts. His suggestions included more defined gravel parking on all sides, and the addition of picnic tables and trash cans in one quad.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Parker Johnson
Downtown & Promotions Manager