



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall  
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

**2. Attendance**

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Rosie Hunter, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage

Absent: Teresa Galloway, Mark Heather, Katie James

Others Present: Betty McDaniel

Joel Dye, City Manager

Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

Doug Kadzban, Department of Public Works Director

Jeff Morrie, Department of Public Works Assistant Director

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2021 made by Peter, supported by Paula.  
Motion carried 5-0. Cyndi abstained.

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Parks & Recreation**

a. City of Allegan Parks Tour

Below is the list of thoughts/ideas/wishes/recommendations from board members on the 10 parks toured as a group:

i. Hanson Park

1. Signage for hammock grove

2. Garbage can on site

3. Swings in gazebo to encourage use

4. Explore idea for public restrooms (connected to Griswold?)

- ii. Riverfront Park
  - 1. Tall grass or seasonally permanent umbrellas to replace removed trees along the boardwalk
  - 2. Plant tree in garden space near public restrooms
- iii. Mahan Park
  - 1. Pleased with the updated flower bed along boardwalk
- iv. Water Street Boardwalk
  - 1. Clear overgrown vegetation for a better view of the river
  - 2. Power wash the boardwalk
  - 3. Signage to encourage use
  - 4. Swings & lights in gazebo to encourage use

The outdoor tour was cut short at 6:30pm due to rain. A virtual tour using Google Maps took place at the City Hall City Council Chambers to complete the list of destinations.

- v. Jaycee Park
  - 1. Signage at Monroe Street with park offerings listed
  - 2. Benches
  - 3. Address basketball court drainage problem before resurfacing
  - 4. Concrete pads for disc golf course
  - 5. Pedestrian bridge over creek for disc golf course
- vi. Allegan Sport & Wellness Complex
  - 1. 18+ hole disc golf course possible?
  - 2. Convert upper practice field to Monarch garden
  - 3. Donation box with signage (see: National/State Parks)
- vii. Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail
  - 1. Extend the trail length
- viii. Rossman Esplanade
  - 1. Planned meeting between City staff and Labyrinth group
- ix. Sue Lange Memorial Park
  - 1. Signage
  - 2. Desire to have the Christmas lights brought back to this park
- x. Oakwood Cemetery
  - 1. Pillars (7 of 8) at Arbor Street entrance are in need of repair
  - 2. Questions on the necessity of the perimeter fence were raised
  - 3. Donation box with signage (see: National/State Parks)

## **6. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**

- a. City Staff Comments
  - i. Joel relayed Councilmember Perrigo's appreciation of Pete Savage for weeding and trimming around the main entrance of Oakwood Cemetery on his own time on Friday.
- b. Board Member Comments
  - i. Upon their discovery of the City-owned property located northwest of the Highland/Wolcott neighborhood, the board expressed interest in seeing that property explored for potential uses, including a disc golf course.
  - ii. There was a shared dismay over the state of the community garden and hope

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- that that property could be utilized as something else in the near future.
- iii. Paula reflected on the option that used to exist to choose to round up water bill totals and have that money used as a donation to the City of Allegan. There was desire to have an online donation option available on the City of Allegan website with specific parks and other destinations for money to choose from
  - iv. Rosie lamented the lack of recycling available for City of Allegan residents and spoke of the past when that option used to be available. There was overwhelming support from the whole of the board present to explore recycling options in door-to-door pick up or a designated drop off location at the DPW garage.

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Parker Johnson  
Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager**