

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021

Call to Order at 0700

Members Present: Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra, Nicole Jones, Ken Murillo

Members Absent: Scott Daling, Kristin Farmer, JT Hogan, Linda Mango, Tom Zuniga, Ken Knoper

Welcome Ken Murillo as Township board representative.

Visitors, Bob Chapin, Jamey Tenney

Agenda approved

October 15, 2020 Minutes approved

Old Business:

- Parks Master Plan is submitted to the DNR, grant requests can be made.
- Court Park fencing by the basketball court is part of a fencing package involving additional areas of the community park and waste water location and should be bid soon.
- Sidewalks within the community park have been bid and construction to be scheduled soon
- May 15 community appreciation day will take place. The event subcommittee will meet to finalize details.

Ongoing Business:

- Additional parks throughout the community discussed, including a sports complex, trailhead and pocket park were mentioned. Recommendation for a statement of support for purchasing additional property within the township be obtained from the Township board.

New Business:

- The skatepark presentation by Conner Stacy to the Township Board was reviewed. There is support for a project. Ken Murillo will visit other skateparks and bring back ideas/designs and a design created several years ago will be revisited.
- A request for an Eagle scout project was received, the township has put a hold on any donations to the park at this time pending a policy.

Public Comments- Election of officers on a yearly basis will be implemented. Plan to complete at the next meeting.

Advisory Board comments- If you have a vision /dream for a project, bring a sketch/plan to the committee so discussion and planning can move forward.

Next meeting June 10, 2021, 7:00 am

Future meeting to be September 9 and December 9.

Adjournment at 0820

June 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Call to Order at 7:01a

Members Present: Kristen Corner, Linda Mango, Nicole Jones, Tom Zuniga, Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra

Members Absent: Ken Knoper, Ken Murillo, Chuck Rapson

Member resignations accepted for Scott Daling and James Hogan

Agenda approved

April 15, 2021 Minutes approved

Old Business:

- Parks Master Plan complete, submitted to and accepted by the state of Michigan. Grants can be submitted
- Sidewalks around the park will be started when the ATYAA ball season ends complete in later June.

Ongoing Business:

- Brainstorm for Parks ongoing, discussion took place regarding process for developing a skatepark. Encouraged supporters to develop a design, if portable or permanent structures, and then develop a committee
- Discussion regarding bylaws and Parks & Rec Advisory Board member attendance, and the need to add an attendance requirement, which could be in person or virtual. Allendale schools will be contacted for a replacement representative for James Hogan who has resigned as Athletic Director.

New Business:

- Election of Officers for the Parks and Recreation Advisory board took place with the following officers:
 - Chairperson- Kristen Corner
 - Vice Chairperson- Tom Zuniga
 - Secretary- Linda Mango

Public Comments- not applicable

Advisory Board comments- none provided

Next meeting September 9, 2021, 7:00 am

Adjournment at 8:11a

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, September 9, 2021

Call to Order at 7:00

Members Present: Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra, Kristen Corner, Tom Zuniga, Chuck Rapson, Linda Mango

Members Absent: Nicole Jones, Scott Daling, Ken Knoper

Visitors: Daniel Russel - Allendale Athletic Director

Agenda approved Marcia approved
 Tom seconded

June 10, 2021 minutes approved Marcia approved
 Tom seconded

Old Business:

- N/A

Ongoing Business:

- Discussion took place to determine financial request from the DDA for possible park improvements/expansion.
- Decision was made to seek four million over the next two years from the DDA. These dollars will include hiring a consultant to determine layout for park improvement/expansion.
- Ideas that were discussed for park improvements/expansion:
 - Little League (Fields 5 & 6) possible move to the SE corner of the park
 - Skate Park in the location of Fields 5 & 6 if ball fields are moved
 - Additional pickleball courts
 - Added pergola/shaded sitting areas
 - Additional children's play equipment
 - Upgrade bathrooms
 - Electric car charging stations
 - Feasibility of property purchase for baseball/softball field expansion

Additional discussion took place regarding costs of improvements, considerations relating to park survey and park property, coordination with Ottawa County and Idema Exploration Trail, and possible budget funding for annual park maintenance/improvements.

- Updates: Larry - sidewalks were installed. Once the driveway is complete behind the township hall, the remainder of the sidewalks will be completed. Slated for Spring 2022.

New Business:

- N/A

Public Comments:

- N/A

Advisory Board Comments:

- N/A

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021

Adjournment at 8:10

Marcia Hoekstra approved
Chuck Rapson seconded

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021

Call to Order at 7:00

Members Present: Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra, Kristen Corner, Tom Zuniga, Nicole Jones, Linda Mango, Daniel Russel, Ken Murillo

Members Absent: Chuck Rapson, Ken Knoper, Marcia Hoekstra

Visitors: Greg Ransford

Agenda approved Nicole Jones approved
Linda Mango seconded

September 9, 2021 minutes Nicole Jones approved
Tom Zuniga seconded

Old Business:

- Master Plan Update - Tom Zuniga - Requirement to revisit the plan every eight years. Important to begin reviewing around five years in. Allows coordination between communities.
 - Discussed potential bike path through the township - possible route proposal

Ongoing Business:

- Update on the financial request from the DDA for possible park improvements/expansion. DDA approved a proposal on the current park property.
 - Task, conceptual plans/estimate, meet with board. Discussed options/quotes for consultants: potential option MC Smith.
- Review draft of Bylaws. Larry requested to be representation/liason. Discussed potential community member options for input.
 - Linda will create a document for committee members to review and edit.

New Business:

- Opportunities for sub committees - including community members
 - Ideas: Park adoption - green spaces to introduce gardens; board request (volunteer form/questionnaire); philanthropic group - little league grants
- Update park website- looking for suggestions to share with Jody Hansen
- 2022 meetings: January, March, May, June, September, November
- Survey the community for ideas as it relates to the parks and recreation committee.
- Kristin - compile a list of surrounding parks for committee members to visit. The intent is to brainstorm ideas/layouts of existing parks in neighboring communities.

Public Comments:

- N/A

Advisory Board Comments:

- N/A

Next Meeting: November 4, 2021

