

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 7:00 am

Call to Order

Recognize Visitors- Adam Elenbaas (new Township Supervisor), Jaime Tenney (taking over Little League)

Approval of September 15, 2016 minutes- Motion made by Larry to approve minutes, motion carried

Old Business

- Band Shell Update- Completed except for brick- outlets will go in with the brick- will be finished this winter
- Fund-raising committee: money is coming in from the Community Foundation, GVSU and private individuals.
- 2 donated benches will be installed

New Business

- One Room Schoolhouse-Terry VanDyken from the Historical Society wants to buy a 1 room schoolhouse for \$12,000 from a man in Coopersville and put it in the park. There is no fund started and it will be at least \$20,000 just to move the bottom half of the building. This is a great idea but we don't have any funding and it doesn't fit into the park plan at this time. If the Historical Society started a fund we could hopefully get a different historical building with Allendale ties if it comes up for sale. Possibly the old schoolhouse on the corner of Pierce and 68th.
- ASA transition to Allendale Township- We can't get the insurance unless we are the owner of the fields- could we possibly run a rider on the township insurance? Most other townships are run under the township employees and reimbursed by softball- looking into options for that

Evaluate future needs of park- Need \$25,000 set aside for grant process, need to find out how much the township is willing to set aside. Need to look into MC Smith grant writing process fee. Grant needs to be submitted by December 1 and is awarded the next spring. We need a total dollar amount for the grant percentages awarded (some are 50%, 90%, matching) we will know the amount before we submit the grant

Final ideas list for future grant

- Concrete walking path around whole park with benches and also some cement slabs with new bleachers at a few fields and more picnic tables

Public Comments- none

Meeting adjourned at 8:25AM