

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes  
Thursday, December 7, 2017, 7:00 am

Call to Order at 7AM

Members Present: Scott Daling, Ken Knoper, Nicole Jones, James Hogan, Val Sikma, Marcia Hoekstra, Larry Haveman

Members Absent: Tom Zuniga, Chuck Rapson

Recognize Visitors

Approval of December 7, 2017 Agenda- approved

Old Business

- Sidewalks- DDA annual support- Tom Zuniga/Marcia
  - o 5k for a park layout, 5k for benches/ tables, 30k-40k for sidewalks or walk ways in Township Park
- Update on County pathways- Ottawa County Parks and Rec was at the Board meeting and they want to put the pathway along the Grand River up to 61<sup>st</sup> Ave- they have the right to do it and there is really nothing we can say to change their plans. They originally wanted to put it along 68<sup>th</sup> from Eastmanville Park, but it would be too expensive.

New Business

- Resignation of Jeff Blum- we will need to be searching for a person from other township groups or a resident from Allendale to fill his spot.
- Update of Parks Master Plan- Larry- We need to get a new Master Plan for the Township Park and decide if the current Fire Department plan will work for the park, looks like it most likely won't work for curb-cuts and entrances into the park.
- Fitness Court- courts to do work-outs in the park, in a small space. Tabled for now- might be a good thing to put in by the new fire station, but will cost a bit to put in.

Future park needs -

- Pathways in park- Finish walkways to band shell and from concession stand to ball fields
- Picnic tables and benches- would like to put them in with the sidewalk in different areas
- Additional picnic shelter and bathroom with heat- tabled for now until we have more space and money to put something like this in
- Additional parks- we need to be looking into different properties around Allendale to purchase or acquire to put in "pocket-parks" to have different areas around the township for people to either play soccer on just a grassy field or a play area- the township would maintain the property. We need to get the go-ahead from the township Board before moving ahead with finding suitable property. We could also find property for a new fire station and use it as a park until a new building needs to be built. Marcia will present information to the Board to obtain support for secondary parks and to discuss parks in developments.

Public Comments

Advisory Board comments

Adjournment 8:05AM