

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2017, 7:00 am

Meeting called to order at 7AM

Recognize Visitors: James Tenny

Members present: Chuck Rapson, Larry Haveman, Tom Zuniga, Val Sikma, Nicole Jones, Scott Daling, Ken Knoper, Marcia Hoekstra

Members absent: Jeff Blum, JT Hogan

June 1, 2017 Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2017 meeting

Old Business

- Band Shell Update

- Concerts and Movies-1st concert will be July 4th, 1st movie Friday after July 4th
- Fee and Agreement for Rental- will be drawn up the same as the pavilion rental agreement
- Electrical- Larry is working on it, he's very close to being done

Updated Sidewalk Maps- DDA is determining what they have for funds- they usually allot \$180,000/year (this year is already spent). The small patch on 52nd that has been under discussion for a while may be paid for by the Township. 48th to 42nd on Pierce is getting sidewalks. We would need a millage for sidewalks if we want more, and we would like to put sidewalks in the budget for next year.

- Park- have a map of where we could potentially put sidewalks in to make a walking path around the whole park.
- Township roads-68th will be getting paved and some more turn lanes put in this year.

New Business

- Eagle Scout Project- the Eagle Scout finds the project to do and the funding - Dog Park possibly, or picnic tables, benches, and trash cans put in throughout the park and around the walking path
- Fourth of July- Rides will be free this year, Fire Department will be selling concessions, and we need to crack down on people letting off fireworks in the park
- M45 crosswalk for those who can't drive. There needs to be enough cross-traffic to make another traffic light with crosswalk, and the over-the-road and under-the-road options don't work well either.

Future park needs -

- Additional pathways in park- map drawn up to see where to put sidewalks when we get

funding

- Picnic tables and benches will be put in as they are donated
- Additional picnic shelter and bathroom with heat will hopefully be coming in the future

Public Comments- There is a request for more tennis courts- there needs to be 8 for Allendale Public to have a school tennis team.

Advisory Board comments

- We need to make a Master Plan with professional drawings for what we want the park to be when the Fire Department needs a new building
- Possible asphalt for around the maintenance building
- The Historical Society would like to meet with the Parks and Rec committee to discuss plans for the park properties and buildings
- We need to be looking at properties throughout the township to purchase or be donated for “pocket parks.” We need to decide if we want to get more land for the current park or get new properties in other areas

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Marcia Hoekstra