

Parks and Rec Advisory Board
September 6, 2018, Minutes

Call to Order:

Members Present: Nicole Jones, Chuck Rapson, Scott Daling, Larry Haveman, James Hogan, Tom Zuniga, Val Sikma. Marcia Hoekstra

Members Absent: Ken Knoper

Recognize Visitors: Adam Elenbaas, David VanGinhoven, Unknown guest

Agenda approved

March, 8, 2018 Minutes Approved

Old Business:

- Sidewalks- plans for installing the sidewalk on 52nd are progressing slowly. The Chamber along with community members are promoting the Ottawa county plan and connecting of the existing sidewalks with the planned Ottawa County parks pathway.
- Ottawa County pathways- The county pathways are planned for installation in 2020
- Fitness Court Update- The fitness court project which the advisory board received information on several months ago has again contact the P&R board with information regarding a matching grant for some of the funding of such a project. There is interest in the project.

New Business:

- Master Plan Proposals presentation- David Van Ginhoven shared several Master plan proposals for additional Fire Department building. This led to discussions regarding the Bagley house, removal of the structure and options to disperse of the donated items. Discussion also took place regarding obtaining additional “pocket parks” and to put this in the Announcer and consider areas for connectivity to sidewalks/paths in the township. There was a recommendation to hire a firm to look at the needs of the recreation facilities in Allendale, with a caution that this be done with a goal of using the information and not just getting another study completed. Larry will evaluate costs for an evaluation of needs.

Future park needs:

- Pathways in park have not moved forward, there is caution with installation as there are everchanging park plans.
- Picnic tables and benches- Information to be placed in the Announcer, these make great memorial gifts.
- Continue to evaluate park needs and consider updates and additional activities.

Public Comments

Advisory Board comments: Appreciate the township supervisor stopping in to the meeting. There is an additional tree that is being donated to the park.

Adjournment at 8:29 am