

Parks and Rec Advisory Board  
Thursday, February 14, 2019, 7:00 am

Meeting called to order at 7:04am

Members Present: Val Sikma, Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra, Nicole Jones

Members Absent: Scott Daling, Tom Zuniga, Ken Knoper, James Hogan

Recognize Visitors: Kristin Corner- possible candidate for Parks and Rec Committee as a community member, David VanTatenhove

Agenda approved.

September, 2018 Minutes approved.

Old Business:

- Fire Department Master Plan- Currently deciding if the new fire house will be added on to the current building or tear down the maintenance barns and build a new fire house.
- Parks Master Plan-Prien and Newhof out of Holland will be used to draw up a new Parks Master Plan at the cost of \$7,900. This will be used to submit to MDNR for a Property Acquisition Grant and will cover us for 5 years and the community will be involved in the plan. The grant must be in by the end of February, 2020.
- Blue House- Historical Society know that the house is coming down due to it not being ADA accessible and health concerns and minimal community use. The goal is to have it removed by mid-March and have the hole filled in by the start of Little League. The Board has passed a resolution to move forward with these plans

New Business:

**Court Park-** National Fitness Campaign is giving a grant of \$30,000 to build a fitness court that will be free for the community to use. The plan court park to be built where the blue house stands currently. The court park would include the fitness court, 2 tennis courts, 2 pickle ball courts, and 2 basketball courts.

Timeline:

- March- Blue House torn down and donation letters out to community for Court Park.
- May/June- Prep the construction site
- June/July- Construct tennis, basketball and pickle ball courts
- Aug/Sept- Construction must be complete by August for the \$30,000 grant.
- The total cost of the entire project is \$320,000, and the DDA wants to help financially. They would like a plan and they may develop a budget, the initial study will cost \$2750.
- The current tennis courts are beyond repair and not all sports can be played at the same time- the new courts would allow everyone to play each sport at the same time. When the fitness court is done, the company comes to do some competitions to help the community learn how to use it and be engaged.

**Brainstorm for Parks (Big ideas and dreams for Allendale)**

- More uses for the park in the winter. Possible cement pad/covered picnic area that could be flooded in the winter and used as a hockey court.
- Pocket Park on Library property- play area and picnic shelter
- Enclosed pavilion for party rental on current park property
- Bathroom and picnic shelter on east side of park
- Central concessions and bathrooms
- If fire barn moves, make current fire area into Rec Center for community to use
- Community Rec Center with pool, gym, work-out area/classes, areas for kids, adult & senior-citizen classes. May need a Rec Center Director if one is built
- Acquire more land for pocket parks around Allendale
  
- **2019 Meeting Dates:**  
April- 11, since Spring Break is the 1<sup>st</sup> week; June 6, September 5 and December 5.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment at 8:10am

September 12, 2019 Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Committee Minutes

Call to Order:7AM

Members Present: Larry Haveman, Scott Daling, Kristin Corner, Chuck Rapson, Nicole Jones

Members Absent: Marcia Hoekstra, Val Sikma, Tom Zuniga, Ken Knoper

Recognize Visitors: Adam Elenbaas, Bob Chapin, David Van Gingenhoven, Jamey Tenn  
Agenda approved

Approval of June 20, 2019 Minutes- unable to approve, no copy present.

Old Business:

- Court Park-Update
- Timeline- The timeline will come out in next week or so. The Fitness Court is ordered and is being stored until it is time to be installed- completion date is planned for May, 2020. The picnic shelter and re-doing parking area will be done later and be tied into the Master Plan. Would like to use 50 year concrete, but is more expensive. Bids were opened Sept 11, with Katerberg and VerHage providing the lowest bid.

Blue House- Update- The next step is removal of the blue house and some trees by the end of September. There will be signage to explain what is planned for the area within the next month.

- Sidewalks Update- The last 50 ft on 52<sup>nd</sup> is being done and will be complete M45 to Pierce. Jordan will be tied into 52<sup>nd</sup> next year.
- Greenway Trail- MDOT says that 60<sup>th</sup> is where the trail will tie into existing sidewalks. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Ottawa Parks to use 60<sup>th</sup> for the non-motorized pathway. A traffic impact study will be done for data of what is needed on M45. 60<sup>th</sup> is a possible intersection for a traffic light- it is a logical place for the median to be cut out and the non-motorized path to go through. Allendale committed \$50,000 for the first phase of the non-motorized pathway. Parks and Rec has included the non-motorized pathway in the development of the Parks and Rec Master Plan by Prien and Neuhoff.

Ongoing Business:

- Brainstorm for Parks- Aquatic Center with workout areas. Ice hockey and sledding hill. Pocket park by library

New Business:

- Fundraising- need \$40,000 raised still- total is \$450,000. Fliers being developed.

Public Comments- Bob Chapin would like to see the Band Shell have staggered seating for better viewing and sun-shades, possibly allow some alcohol to be taken in for concerts and events?

Next meeting December 5, 2019 7:00 am- Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Adjournment 8:15AM

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Minutes  
Thursday, December 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 0700 am

Members Present: Kristen Corner, Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra, James Hogan, Nicole Jones, Marcia Hoekstra

Members Absent: Tom Zuniga, Ken Knoper, Scott Daling, Chuck Rapson

Visitors: Matt Levandoski, David VanGinhoven, Jamey Tenny

Agenda approved

Approval of September 12, 2019 Minutes

Old Business:

- Court Park-Update: Basketball court concrete has been poured, parking lot curbing is poured
  - Completion is scheduled for May 2020
  - Fundraising was discussed, information and donor packets were sent out, suggestions for other contacts welcomed.
- Sidewalks Update- Sidewalks are a part of the parks master plan and the Ottawa county pathways project and continue to be an ongoing discussion topic.

Ongoing Business:

- Parks Master Plan Update- Parks members to review the parks survey results and provide input, questions and feedback by December 31, 2019 and there will be a Parks and Rec Advisory board meeting on January 9, 2020. Next steps will be a community open house and introduction to the township board. Land purchase for future park development is recommended. Developing sub-committees to work on the many aspects of the Master plan recommendations and approval process was recommended.

New Business:

- Ottawa County Trail Update was provided, recommending a non-motorized pathway from the bayou, south along 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue across Lake Michigan Dr. to Pierce then east
- 2020 Meeting Dates will be determined after the January 9, 2020 meeting, pending a timeline for the Masterplan approval process.
- Parks & Rec Advisory Board Secretary Position is open, please supply nominations for the position.
- Parks & Rec Advisory Board has an open position due to the resignation of Valarie Sikma. Thank you Val for your service to Allendale Charter township as a member of the Parks and Rec advisory board

Opportunity was provided for public comments

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Next meeting will be January 9, 2020, at 7:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 0830 am