

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 1st week; June 6, September 5 and December 5.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment at 8:10am