

Allegan County Parks Advisory Board



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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 8:30am

County Service Building – Board Conference Room -3283 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

Virtual Option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84709053328>

CALL TO ORDER: Brown called to order at 8:34am

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brown, Clark, DeYoung, Formsma, Hulst, Jessup

Absent: Metz, Caywood

Also Present: Brandy Gildea;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Clark, seconded by Hulst to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Driscoll seconded by Formsma to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: Allegan Conservation District

PARK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES: Gildea went over the administrative updates:

- Season staff will be starting this month
- Parks (restrooms) will open on May 1
- Roof repairs were completed at West Side Park/Silver Creek

REVIEW ITEMS:

1. Financial Statements
 - a. Review Quarter Revenue Comparisons

Gildea went over the expenditure and revenue statements located in the agenda packet. Gildea then went over the quarterly revenues comparisons:

- Revenues are off to a good start.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Local Partnerships: Examples: DNR, Conservation District, MSU Extension** – The parks board discussed what partnerships could be made to benefit the parks. Gildea will reach out to the following agencies to begin conversations on what could be done;
 - Conservation District (forest, meap plans, native planting, fighting invasive species)
 - MSUe – Meet with the director to see what we could partner on
 - Public High Schools – Media programs to help with marketing
 - Libraires- displaying information
 - ODC – Additional Programs throughout the year. Especially at campgrounds on weekends
2. **New Richmond Park- Utilizing the pedestrian bridge at New Richmond as an ORV crossing** - The parks board discussed what issues and benefits could come from letting the ORV's cross the New Richmond Pedestrian Turn Bridge Bridge.

Motion made by Driscoll seconded by Jessup to check to see if there would be any stipulations with historic society making changes to bridge use and to check with on risks/liability with MMRMA. The motion carried.

3. **Condolence procedure - Past Parks Advisory Members or Parks Staff** – The parks board reviewed the condolence procedure.

Motion made by Hulst seconded by Formsma to accept condolence procedure with using electric signatures. The motion carried.

NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- **Vacancy: None**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Presentation of an overview of ORV usage in Allegan County
- Start reviewing Goals/Objectives for Allegan County Parks

ROUND TABLE:

- **DeYoung:** received feedback that the Bysterveld trails, after resurfacing work are great
- **Tom**
 - Signage
 - The road commission needs to clean around directional signage
 - Need updated signage at parks

- Sign at Pier Cove explaining where and what amenities we have at West Side Park
- Does the BOC know what they will do with any leftover ARPA funds
- How is BOC planning to consistently fund parks without always using grants
- **Driscoll** – Gave an update on the Disc Golf Group

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting –June 6, 2023 @ 8:30 am in County Service Building
– Board Conference Room -3283 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

A motion was made by Driscoll, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:39am. The motion carried.