



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Public Spaces Commission
Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Parks & Recreation**
 - a) Rossman Park Grant Improvements
 - b) Other Comments
- 6. Oakwood Cemetery**
 - a) Other Comments
- 7. Trees**
 - a) Other Comments
- 8. Downtown Improvement Project**
 - a) Project Updates
 - b) Street Furniture
- 9. Other Discussion Items**
 - a) Arbor Day Celebration – April 28
 - b) Other Comments
- 10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**
- 11. Adjournment**

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PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Carl Canales, Rosie Hunter, Korree Johnson, Bill Morgan, Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage

Absent:

Others Present: Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Peter, supported by Bill, to approve the minutes from January 11, 2023.
Motion carried 7-0. Cyndi Reed abstained.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

- a. Allegan County Conservation District – Outdoor Learning Environment
 - i. P. Johnson shared the proposed layout of the Allegan County Conservation District’s new use of the community garden space.
- b. Other Comments
 - i. Paula asked for an update on the graffiti reported at Jaycee Park.

6. Oakwood Cemetery

- a. Other Comments
 - i. Peter shared an update on the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery activity and that group’s desire to see the cemetery fountain restored to function.
 - ii. Peter reiterated desire for an Oakwood Cemetery arborist, with echoes from some board members for a contracted arborist for a city inventory.
 - iii. Carl expressed interest in exploring natural burials in Oakwood Cemetery

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7. Trees

a. Other Comments

- i. Several board members expressed their concern for the removal of trees surrounding the Padgham Field Airport. P. Johnson explained why the trees were removed and board members asked that they be made aware of decisions like this in advance of projects.
- ii. P. Johnson shared that the city is working to add another Marmo maple tree to the Riverfront Park in 2023 (one was planted in this area for Arbor Day 2022). Board members wanted to see more done to replace the four trees that were cut down along the boardwalk due to disease.
- iii. Rosie questioned the choice of trees for the Downtown Improvement Project and asked if the landscape engineer from Abonmarche would attend a Public Spaces Commission meeting to provide insight.

8. Downtown Improvement Project

a. Groundbreaking and Start Date

- i. P. Johnson gave an update regarding the Downtown Improvement Project. The update included the announcement of a March 20, 2023 start date and groundbreaking ceremony at 11am at the future Trowbridge Plaza. General discussion was had.

9. Other Discussion Items

a. Second Street Bridge Flower Boxes

- i. P. Johnson shared that the current flower boxes affixed to the Second Street Bridge will need to be replaced after this season.
- ii. Board members would like to see larger containers with larger flowers and named South Haven and Plainwell as examples.

10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

a. Parker Johnson

- i. P. Johnson shared Spring Spruce Up dates for leaf and brush pickup, waste and recycling dumpsters at the DPW garage.
- ii. P. Johnson shared details on major upcoming costs for the Griswold Auditorium and Regent Theatre.

b. Paula Mintek

- i. Paula shared images of damaged curbs and front lawns throughout the city that were caused by snowplowing done by the DPW.

c. Peter Savage

- i. Peter again expressed his desire to see Tannery Creek restored and rerouted to the Riverfront area and the possibility of work being done during the M89/Traffic Circle MDOT project.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager